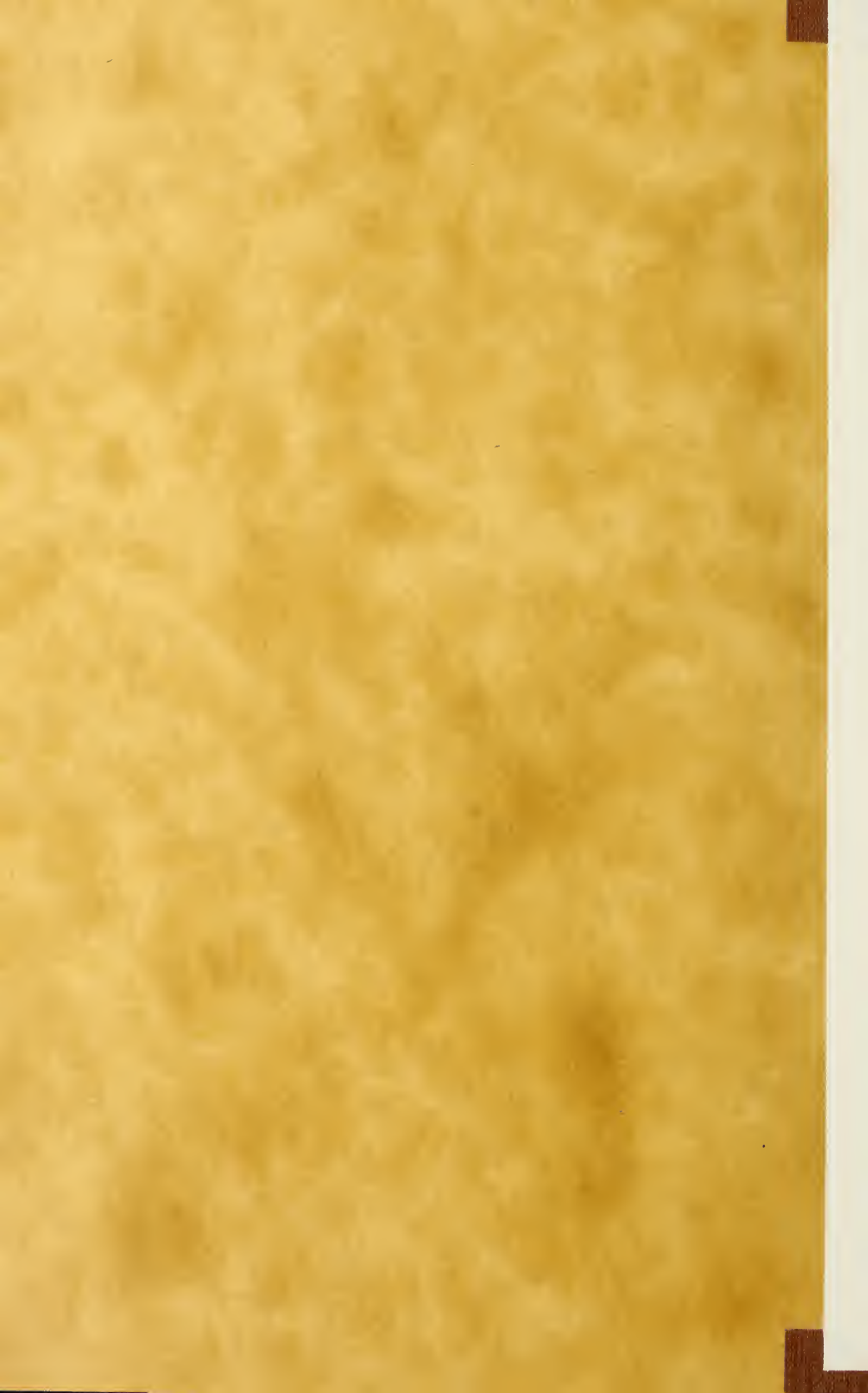


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TOWN OFFICERS -- 1885-'86.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

R. DEXTER TEMPLE, *Chairman*.

JAMES A. BANCROFT.

STILLMAN M. PRATT.

Town Clerks.

WILLIAM J. WIGHTMAN, (deceased), eleven months.

JAMES REID, one month.

Treasurer.

EDWARD F. PARKER.

Collector of Taxes.

JOHN C. GLEASON.

School Committee.

HORACE G. WADLIN, <i>Chairman</i> ,	-	-	Term expires.	1887
GILMAN L. PARKER, <i>Secretary</i> ,	-	-	"	" 1888
JAMES A. BANCROFT,	-	-	"	" 1888
CARROLL D. WRIGHT.	-	-	"	" 1887
STILLMAN E. PARKER,	-	-	"	" 1886
EDWARD F. PARKER,	-	-	"	" 1886

Surveyor of Highways.

WILLIAM L. JONES.

Engineers of the Fire Department.

• EDWARD C. NICHOLS, *Chief*.

ARTHUR S. RICHARDSON, *Clerk*.

WENDELL BANCROFT.

WILLIAM L. CROWE.

MOSES E. NICHOLS.

Constables.

HENRY STOCK.

GEORGE E. DAVIS.

Police.

HENRY STOCK.

GEORGE E. DAVIS.

CHARLES S. CONEY.

Night Watchman.

HENRY STOCK.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

ARTHUR S. RICHARDSON.

Trustees of Public Library.

STEPHEN FOSTER, <i>Chairman</i> ,	-	-	-	-	Term expires,	1886
HORACE G. WADLIN, <i>Secretary</i> ,	-	-	-	-	" "	1886
CYRUS M. BARROWS,	-	-	-	-	" "	1887
JAMES H. GRIGGS,	-	-	-	-	" "	1887
CHARLES D. THOMAS,	-	-	-	-	" "	1888
HARLEY PRENTISS,	-	-	-	-	" "	1888

Trustees of Cemetery.

OLON BANCROFT,	-	-	-	-	Term expires,	1888
WILLIAM J. WIGHTMAN, (deceased),	-	-	-	-	" "	1888
GILMAN C. GLEASON,	-	-	-	-	" "	1887
FRANCIS O. DEWEY,	-	-	-	-	" "	1887
JAMES A. BANCROFT,	-	-	-	-	" "	1886
FRANK W. B. PRATT,	-	-	-	-	" "	1886

Auditors.

EDWARD APPLETON.

FRANK W. B. PRATT.

A. NEWELL HOWES.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN READING FOR THE YEAR 1885.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	OCCUPATION OF FATHER.
Jan.	1 Alice Maud Putnam,	F	George A. and Georgia,	Engineer.
"	7 Louise Josephine Krook,	F	Mathes H. and Othalia J.,	Cabinet maker.
"	8 Edith Isabelle Bancroft,	F	Charles N. and Susie B.,	Baggage master.
"	11 Ethel Augusta Fitts,	F	Edward P. and Caroline B.,	Teacher.
Feb.	7 Elsie Mitchell Pratt,	F	George L. and Addie A.,	Neck tie cutter.
"	8 Hannah Conley,	F	John and Mary,	R. R. employe.
"	16 Elmer Lovejoy,	M	Edward and Ida M.,	Mechanic.
"	28 George Herbert Stimpson,	M	James N. and Nettie M.,	Baggage master.
March	4 Flora White,	F	Joseph and Julia,	Laborer.
"	23 Minnie D. Woodbury,	F	Theodore M. and Susan J.,	Varnisher.
"	27 Charles Gilman Bond,	M	James S. and Lucy B.,	Awning and tent maker.
April	12 Azro Vivian Parkman,	M	Samuel N. and Aggie,	Brush factory employe.
"	9 Harry Edward Smith,	M	Edward A. Jr. and Minnie C.,	Conductor.
"	14 Louise Bradley Eames,	F	Edward B. and Clara L.,	Dealer in ice.
"	28 Frank Paul Wood,	M	Benjamin F. and Elvira F.,	Laborer.
"	30 Lora White,	F	Joseph N. and Elizabeth,	Rubber worker.
May	8 Prescott Raymond Nichols,	M	William H. and Cora M.,	Wholesale butcher.
"	14 Pearl Martin Burgess,	M	Robert P. and Mary D.,	Mason.
"	20 Chester Arthur Woodward,	M	George A. and Florence,	Elastic web weaver.
"	27 Jennie Hamilton Hill,	F	Robert J. and Margaret,	Bookbinder.
June	2 Harold Carter Winship,	M	Frank A. and Mary L.,	Asst. cashier, bank
"	10 Rodney Wheeler Brown,	M	Henry A. and Helen M.,	Physician.
"	23 John Albert Doucette,	M	Lizzie Doucette,	
"	26 Herrick Arthur Nichols,	M	Luther E. and Mary E.,	Painter.
July	7 Charles Henry Hill,	M	Charles H. and Fannie I.,	Piano board maker.
"	9 Lizzie Etta Story,	F	John E. and Carrie J.,	Clerk.
"	9 Clarence Kimball Parker,	M	George W. and Jennie L.,	Commercial traveller.
"	11 William Horace Loring,	M	Lawrence B. and Nellie L.,	Clerk.
Aug.	6 Timothy Culnane,	M	Jeremiah and Catharine,	Watchman.
"	9 Ethel May Davis,	F	George E. and Edith L.,	Grocer.
"	10 Jennie May Emerson,	F	Adelfred L. and Lena,	Switchman.
"	12 Guy Hall Ruggles,	M	William I. and Mina W.,	Freight agent.
"	20 Helen Adelaide Roberts,	F	John G. and Victoria A.,	Molding manufacturer.
"	24 Frederic William Elliott,	M	Percival W. and Lizzie E.,	Salesman.
Sept.	10 Vernon Howard Wright,	M	Edward and Clara W.,	Organ pipe maker.
"	10 Lottie May Stock,	F	Henry and Ada L.,	Watchman.
"	24 John Forrest,	M	John and Maggie F.,	Stable keeper.
"	28 George Alfred Hubbard,	M	Frank and May B.,	Laborer.
Oct.	5 Maria Eliza Bennett,	F	Samuel and Jane,	Ice business.
"	6 Moses Clement Parker,	M	Harrison H. and Harriet A.,	Organ pipe maker.
"	9 Helen Augusta Emerson,	F	Arthur G. and Emily F.,	Farmer.
"	11 Harriet Newell Holland,	F	Charles P. and Gertrude E.,	Varnisher.
"	18 Edna Ellison,	F	James A. and Nellie E.,	Machinist.
"	22 William Edward Burgoyne,	M	John J. and Ella J.,	Tinsmith.
"	31 Catharine Maria Black,	F	William J. and Maggie G.,	Peddler.
Nov.	10 William Herbert Goodwin,	M	Benjamin F. and Jennie E.,	Cabinet maker.
"	15 Frederick Carlos Steele,	M	Frederic C. and Eleanor A.,	Painter.
"	25 Charles Edward Frost,	M	Edward C. and Nellie A.,	Mechanic.
"	28 Laura Eldorado Rhuland,	F	Anthony A. and Annie M.,	Lectures on the horse.
Dec.	1 Thomas Edward Wier,	M	Edward T. and Elizabeth,	R. R. employe.
"	6 Sarah Ann Parker,	F	Benjamin and Minnie E.,	Piano tuner.
"	15 Sarah Ann Parker,	F	Asa and Sarah A.,	Farmer.
"	15 Ethel Howard,	F	James W. and Mary J.,	Hackman.
"	20 Ethel Howard,	F	Lorie A. and Rhoda E.,	Teamster.
Nov.	21 Woodworth,	M	Eva Woodworth,	

Whole number of Births registered in 1885. 55. Males, 29; Females, 26.

Nativity of parents.—American. Fathers. 41; Mothers, 38; Foreign—Fathers, 12; Mothers, 17.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF READING FOR THE YEAR 1885.

DATE.	NAME OF GROOM AND BRIDE.	RESIDENCE.	OCCUPATION OF GROOM.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	BY WHOM MARRIED.
Jan.	7 Abion G. Nichols, Jesse B. Fendegrace,	23 Reading, 24 Reading.	Butcher.	Reading, North Truro.	Parker and Annis A., Edward T. and Sarah H.,	Rev. Frank S. Adams.
"	8 Henry Blanchard, Jr., Lillian F. Cummings,	34 Wilmington, 27 Reading.	Merchant.	Wilmington, East Boston.	Henry and Rebecca L., Horace L. and Abbie L.,	Rev. Daniel Steele.
"	13 James G. Eames, Eva L. Temple,	30 Reading, 28 Reading.	Provision dealer.	Wilmington.	James T. and Harriet A., William H. and Ruth N.,	Rev. William Barrows
"	14 J. Fred. Richardson, Annie J. Temple,	23 Portland, Me., 23 Reading.	Laundry business.	Reading, Boston.	Barnabas and Amanda T., R. Dexter and Flora W.,	Rev. Frank S. Adams.
Feb.	3 William A. Weston, Bertha V. Chadwick,	18 Reading, 20 Wakefield.	Laborer.	Berwick, Me., Reading.	Alden M. and Mary, Luther and Alice,	S. K. Hamilton, J. P., [Wakefield.
"	10 Edward Everett Nichols, Louise A. Bailey,	20 Wakefield, 19 Reading.	Farmer.	Berwick.	William G. and Mary, John and Mary,	Rev. Daniel Steele.
"	11 Henry A. Trull, Flora H. Nicol,	19 Reading, 20 Reading.	Engineer.	New Brunswick.	Adam and Frances, Henry and Ellen,	Rev. Frank S. Adams.
March	17 Warren E. Beard, Sadie L. Joquard,	22 Reading, 23 Wakefield.	Cabinet maker.	Reading, Plymouth,	David and Jane, William F. and Adaline,	Rev. Chas. J. Staples.
"	24 Fred W. Young, Laura C. Melony,	22 Reading, 19 Reading.	Journalist.	Nova Scotia, Winchester.	Nathan F. and Augusta, Calvin and Mary S.,	Rev. W. H. Morrison, [Wakefield.
April	2 Joseph S. Temple, Mary E. Shepard,	15 Reading, 38 Danvers.	Manufacturer.	Reading.	Josiah and Mary S., Jason H. and Abigail,	Rev. George J. Sanger, [Danvers.
"	11 Edward A. Woodward, Ellen H. Foley,	34 Danvers, 20 Reading.	Farmer.	Stetson, Me., Lancaster, N. H.,	James H. and Mary S., James and	Rev. Patrick J. Hally, [Wakefield.
"	16 Virgil P. Hunnison, Jesse Kittredge Hull,	20 Reading, 38 Yonkers, N. Y.	Merchant.	Reading, Simsbury, Conn.,	William L. and Eunetia M., Thomas B. and Caroline A.,	Rev. Charles L. Short, [Melrose.
"	22 Edward Barrett, Louisa M. Clark,	37 Reading, 22 Reading.	R. R. conductor.	Hartford, Conn., Lawrence,	Patrick and Hannah, Francis and Bridget.	Rev. Patrick J. Hally, [Wakefield.
"	28 Horace C. Ware, Dora R. Remick,	39 Salem, 29 Reading.	Farmer.	Reading, Salem.	Horace and Alice, Martin and Hannah B.,	Rev. W. Barrows.
"	29 Patrick D. Flanagan, Helen Dailey,	24 Reading, 24 Reading.	Rubber worker.	New York city, N. Y., Chelsea.	Dennis and Mary, Michael and Rosey,	Rev. Patrick J. Hally, [Wakefield.
"	30 Samuel H. Fluke, Della Curley,	30 Reading, 24 Reading.	Carpenter.	Ireland, Woburn.	Michael and Anne, Jacob W. and Lydia B.,	Rev. J. W. Wellman.
June	2 Warren H. Manning, Henrietta H. Pratt,	24 Reading, 26 Reading.	Nursery man.	Reading, Rockport.	Daniel F. and Angelina B., Daniel T. and Mary P.,	Rev. Frank S. Adams.
"	4 Roger Herman Farr, Mary Frances Eaton,	38 Rockport, 25 Woburn.	Man's hardware.	Reading, Woburn.	Osgood and Lucy Ann, Stephen K. and Adelia M.,	Rev. Daniel March, [Woburn.
"	4 Cyrus N. Richardson, Josephine Lovejoy,	28 Woburn, 31 Stoneham,	Miller.	Woburn.	Thomas L. and Mary R., Phineas L. and Almira B.,	Rev. Daniel Steele.
"	7 Milton S. Smith, Hattie E. Hogdon,	25 Reading, 21 Reading.	Leather cutter.	West Gardiner, Me., Nova Scotia,	West Gardiner, Me., Cyrl and Natalia,	Rev. Patrick J. Hally, [Wakefield.
"	10 John Doucette, Kate Doucette,	20 Reading, 20 Reading.	Stone cutter.	Nova Scotia.	Simon and Callista,	

June	18	Fred E. Bunker, Fanny W. Perkins, 20 John N. Weston, Annie C. Lovejoy, 24 William H. Willis, Jr., Annie B. Phelps, 5 Leroy Barrett, Nellie M. Blunt, 9 Johannes Wittekind, Lina Diehlman, 14 Thomas Hickey, Mary A. Cauty, 18 Hiram F. Moody, Sarah E. Wigglesworth, 7 Henry H. Lothrop, Dodie E. Lothrop, 13 William H. Bancroft, Jeanette Boyd, 17 Henry Cook, Mary N. Kendall, 17 Elmon M. Cooleedge, Caramond T. Nash, 28 Charles E. Davies, Catherine E. Wight, 1 William Beattie, Mary Walton, 27 Joseph H. Wyeth, Caroline Oldbury, 29 Daniel H. Daley, Mary A. Marshall, 18 James B. Blakeie, Gertrude A. Gates, 22 Levi E. Farnham, Georgiana M. Pickernell, 29 Everett B. Richardson, Ella J. Pearson, Oct. 7 Charles A. Hobbs, Hattie E. Austin, 19 Francis Bartley, Maria J. Cobb, 23 Frank Parker, Maggie E. McFarlane, 26 J. Morton Litchfield, Maria Freeman Emerson, Thomas Cullinane, 26 Kate Duggan, 20 Frank E. Richardson, Lucy E. Lovett, 30 Henry E. Broughton, Louise Mays,	21 Reading, 21 Chelsea, 24 Reading, 23 Wakefield, 27 Reading, 29 Reading, 24 Reading, 29 Wakefield, 18 Reading, 30 Wakefield, 30 Reading, 19 Methuen, 23 Stoneham, 21 Reading, 23 Reading, 30 Reading, 44 Reading, 28 Philadelphia, Pa., 25 Reading, 26 Reading, 21 Reading, 50 Wakefield, 50 Wakefield, 47 Andover, 25 Boston, 27 Reading, 40 Reading, 30 Reading, 29 Camden, N. J., 31 Reading, 37 Reading, 28 Wilmington, 22 Reading, 48 Reading, 33 Marion, 26 Reading, 28 Reading, 27 Brooklyn, N. Y., 23 Reading, 26 Reading, 27 Reading, 26 Windham, Me., 24 Lynn, 24 Reading,	Chair maker, Glass cutter, Druggist, R. R. brakeman, Chair maker, Clerk, Belt maker, Farmer, Shoe cutter, Artist, Manufact'rs' agt., Printer, Shoemaker, Farmer, Car driver, Blacksmith, Civil engineer, Shoe manufact'r, Rubber cutter, Merchant, Shoe manufact'r, Salesman, R. R. employe, Provision dealer, Shoemaker,	Reading, Gloucester, Reading, Wakefield, Reading, North Chelmsford, Reading, Germany, Manchester, N. H., Reading, Methuen, Lawrence, Prestiss, Me., Lynn, Reading, Scotland, Dover, Me., Sherburne, Yt., Reading, Parrall, Me., Winchester, Nova Scotia, Wakefield, Boston, England, Canton, N. Y., Reading, Nova Scotia, Nova Scotia, Lowell, Boston, Reading, Wilmington, East Cambridge, Reading, Windham, N. H., Marion, Reading, Prince Edward Island, Boston, Moline, Ill., Ireland, Ireland, Chataogue, Windham, Me., Marblehead, Truro, N. S.,	Noble and Mary, Gilbert and Antonette, Summer N. and Cornelia N., Daniel B. and Mary Ann, William H. and Sue C., Francis A. and Jane C., William and Harriet, John A. and Maria L., George and Catherine, Heurich and Anna, Michael and Julianna, Timothy and Margaret, Augustus C. and Sarah G., James L. and Sarah M., Leonard and Fanny, Henry M. and Sarah, James and Sarah, Jonathan and Hannah, Benjamin and Nancy, Oliver and Harriet T., William H. and Adelaide A., Edward and Jane N., Ephraim and Mary E., William and Grace, Aaron and Susan, Joseph and Emmeline L., Edward and Caroline, John and Margaret, James and Eliza, Parker and Lucy A., William L. and Satria A., Albert and Elizabeth, George and Harriet, James R. and Ellen M., Curtis and Eliza A., Eastman and Olive, Robert and Elizabeth, Leander and Anna, Theodor and Isabella, John and Isabella, Julius B. and Helen, George B. and Ellen H., Daniel and Nora, Thomas and Mary, Loammi G. and Friscilla, Hiram G. and Nancy, John H. and Harriet, George and Emma,	Rev. C. F. H. Nason, [Chelsea, Rev. Frank S. Adams. Rev. William Barrows. Rev. Charles J. Staples. Rev. Hons B. Schwarz, [Boston. Rev. Patrick J. Hally, [Wakefield. Rev. C. T. Douglass. Rev. Frank S. Adams. Rev. Frank S. Adams. Rev. R. T. Polk, [Dorchester. Rev. Frank S. Adams. Rev. Daniel Steele. Rev. C. T. Douglass. Rev. Frank S. Adams. Rev. Patrick J. Hally, [Wakefield. Rev. Daniel W. Cameron Rev. Charles J. Staples. Rev. Charles F. Rice, [Lowell. Rev. Daniel P. Noyes, [Wilmington. Rev. Charles J. Staples. Rev. William H. Cobb, [Uxbridge. Rev. Daniel W. Cameron Rev. Frank S. Adams. Rev. Patrick J. Hally, [Wakefield. Rev. C. K. Ward, [Standish, Me. Rev. Frank S. Adams.
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Whole number of Marriages registered, 46. Nativity of persons married: American, Males, 40; Females, 11.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN READING FOR THE YEAR 1885.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE. Y.M.D.	NAMES OF PARENTS OR HUSBANDS.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
Jan.	9 Louise Josephine Krook.	11	Mathes H. and Othalia J.	
"	15 Othalia Josephine Krook.	37 7 5	Mathes H. Krook.	Puerperal fever.
"	16 Daniel Nichols.	67 1	Richard and Clarissa.	Heart disease.
"	18 Isabella Hennessy.	23 6	John and Isabella.	Heart disease.
"	20 Abbie J. Eames.	18 11 25	Emory B. and Emma K.	Typhoid fever.
"	27 Moses Barbrick.	64		Bright's disease.
Feb.	7 Alden M. Weston.	42 7 7	William M. and Abra A.	Paralysis.
"	13 Benjamin Weston.	85		
"	13 Carl J. Rummels.	8	Joseph and Lydia A.	Tubercular meningitis.
"	14 Edwin C. Martin.	4 3 8	Calvin L. and Julia F.	Water on brain.
"	15 Samuel Gilcreast.	78 5 16	John and	Paralysis.
"	25 Jesse Frost.	87 8 14	Jonathan and Beulah.	Old age.
"	27 Fred G. Leathe.	19 11 1	Charles B. and Clara A.	Syphilitis.
Mar.	5 William R. Nichols.	64	Amos and Mary.	Heart clot.
"	24 Lillian M. Brown.	7 4	Henry W. and Ella.	Meningitis.
April	6 Elmer Lovejoy.	1 19	Edward and Ida M.	Marasmus.
"	12 John Pierce.	65 2 19	Ephraim and Sarah.	Cancer of stomach.
May	4 Theresa Frye.	11		Cholera infantum.
"	4 Mary Ann Porter.	57 3 3	Caleb and Charlotte.	Dropsy.
"	9 Charles K. Gleason.	45 8	Gilman C. and Nancy.	Pneumonia.
"	16 Herrick Batchelder.	51	Herrick and Rebecca.	Fatty degeneration of heart.
"	17 Eliza H. Bodfish.	78 6	John L. and Elizabeth.	Old age.
"	21 Sarah P. Bancroft.	80 10	Jeptha and Nancy.	Influenza.
"	22 Nancy Ball.	93 8	Abijah and Annie.	Paralysis.
June	4 Sarah McGriggan.	62	James and Mary.	Cancer.
"	4 Mary A. Carey.	29 1 17	Patrick and Margaret.	Consumption.
"	5 Phebe Pratt.	84 9	Amos and Abigail.	Old age.
"	6 Clarissa Elliott.	78 3	Charles and Mary.	Bronchial consumption.
"	7 Harrison Bancroft.	79 2 18	Jonathan and Sophia.	Paralysis.
"	8 Ella A. Messer.	28 8 16	Charles H. and Mary.	Tuberculosis.
"	15 Florence E. Kinsley.	15 2 18	Steph'n P. and Georgia W.	Heart disease.
"	17 Susannah B. Parker.	65 4 11	Timothy and Elizabeth.	Pneumonia.
July	8 John Ayer.	81		Paralysis of brain.
"	8 Harry G. Carter.	8	Adelbert H. and Clara L.	Whooping cough.
"	14 Edward Riley.	10	Patrick and Margaret.	Cholera infantum.
"	30 John Albert Doucette.	1 7	Lizzie Doucette.	Cholera infantum.
Aug.	5 Helen M. Hunton.	32 10 18	Amariah and Elizabeth.	Tuberculosis.
"	6 Susan B. Fletcher.	76 4 24	William and Sarah O.	Heart disease.
"	29 Celina Doucette.	6 21	Francis X. and Fanny.	Marasmus.
Sept.	3 Ralph T. Nichols.	120	James C. and Isabel.	Marasmus.
"	9 Mary T. Brown.	66 4 5	William and Jerusha R.	Paralysis.
"	14 Asa P. Pratt.	76 11	Samuel and Lucinda.	Heart disease.
"	17 Mark M. Temple.	78 1 26	Daniel and Sarah.	Consumption.
"	24 Ida E. Clark.	22 9 26	Isaac M. and Mary A.	Consumption.
"	25 Marion Thomas Todd.	3 11 1	Thomas R. and Abbie S.	Encephalitis.
Oct.	9 Emily J. Bancroft.	79 5 18	James H. and Judith.	Heart disease.
Nov.	1 Sarah P. Frost.	67	Charles C. Frost.	Consumption.
"	14 Catherine Wellington.	74	Darius Wellington.	Softening of brain.
"	21 Woodworth.		Eva Woodworth.	Premature birth.
"	25 Fred B. Sweetser.	19 11 2	Kirk and Delia.	Phthisis.
"	26 Michael Cassey.	30		Railroad accident.
Dec.	4 Lucy W. Roby.	86 11 10	Joseph and Lucy.	Old age.
"	11 Daniel A. Ward.	17 8 9	Alfred and Mary.	Railroad accident.
"	22 Borthwick.	7	James W. and Mary J.	Premature birth.
"	29 James E. Ellison.	7 11 21	James A. and Nettie.	Meningitis.
"	30 Susan E. Baker.	65 4 27	Henry and Elizabeth.	Brain Disease.

Whole number of deaths registered, 56. Males, 27; Females, 29; Nativity, American, 52; Males, 26; Females, 26. Foreign, 4; Males, 1; Females, 3.

Number deaths between 90 and 100, 1; 80 and 90, 6; 70 and 80, 9; 60 and 70, 9; 50 and 60, 2; 40 and 50, 2; 30 and 40, 3; 20 and 30, 4; 10 and 20, 5; under 10, 15.

Dogs Licensed for the Year 1885.

Whole number,.....	125
One hundred and nineteen males, at \$2.00 each..	\$238 00
Six females, at \$5.00 each.....	30 00
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Fees for 125 licenses, at 20 cents each.....	25 00
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Paid County Treasurer, as per his receipt.....	\$243 00

MIDDLESEX SS.

December 3d, 1885.

William J. Wightman, Esq., Clerk of the Town of Reading, has paid into the Treasury of said Middlesex County two hundred and forty-three dollars, for dog licenses, for the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five, as per his account of 29th ult. (\$243.00).

AMOS STONE,
County Treasurer.

William J. Wightman, Esq., who served the town faithfully and acceptably as its Clerk from 1853 to 1857, and from November 4th, 1862 to January 30th, 1886, a period of over twenty-seven years, died January 29th, 1886; and at a meeting of the town held February 11th, the undersigned was elected to fill the vacancy caused by his decease.

JAMES REID,
Town Clerk.

OVERSEERS' ACCOUNT.

ALMSHOUSE.

INMATES.

Catherine O'Keefe.....	Age 79 years.
Joanna Wall	" 86
Caroline E. Wiley.....	" 79
Hannah Welch.....	" 71
Jonathan Pratt.....	" 76
Daniel Spokesfield.....	" 67
Alpheus Austin.....	" 66
James Hunter.....	" 42
Thornton D. Sanborn.....	" 60
Joseph Bancroft	" 66
Cleveland B. Holt, admitted March 1, 1885.....	" 86
Catherine Wellington, admitted Sept. 17, died Nov. 19,	" 74

RECEIVED.

Charles Tweed, for board one year to March 1, 1886	\$156 00
Geo. W. Beasley " " " " "	156 00
Catherine O'Keefe, for pension.....	96 00
Same for state aid.....	48 00
Jonathan Pratt's savings bank dividend.....	40 50
George Beasley, labor for removing ice and snow ..	8 00
Same distributing town reports.....	6 00
Same labor on Mineral street bridge.....	12 00
Same labor on highways, account..	\$77 51
Same cash	30 87
	<hr/> 108 38
Same labor on sidewalk at engine house..	4 30
Same labor on concrete walks.....	4 50
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<i>Amount carried forward.</i>	\$639 68

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$639 68
George Beasley, lighting street lights.....	258 10	
Same wood sold.....	24 13	
Same produce sold.....	147 54	
Same supplies to 253 tramps... ..	75 90	
		<hr/> \$1145 35

EXPENDED.

George Beasley, keeper of Almshouse, salary.....	\$450 00
M. A. Stone, groceries.....	151 97
Parker & Stone, groceries.....	227 54
Geo. W. Atkinson, groceries.....	274 05
Seth Bessey, provisions.....	3 17
Daniel W. Berry, provisions.....	44 37
L. G. Richardson, provisions.....	108 52
Joseph R. Morton, provisions.....	42 23
John H. Knight, provisions.....	30 46
George H. Prescott, provisions.....	38 92
H. L. Day, bread and crackers.....	53 88
T. Littlefield, repairing stoves and tinware.....	20 25
M. Hanley, carpeting, etc.....	10 05
Emily Ruggles, dry goods.....	41 44
William Hawes, fish and oysters.....	35 41
Pierce & Canterbury, oil.....	5 33
Charles Wakefield, wood.....	38 43
John Morrill, wood.....	23 25
John C. Gleason, coal.....	50 00
Wendell Bancroft, coal.....	7 00
F. Bartley, clothing.....	48 00
Samuel Brown, repairs on cart and tools.....	20 00
John A. Blunt, blacksmith work.....	10 03
R. C. Totten, blacksmith work.....	6 09
R. L. Beers, repairs at almshouse.....	3 00
Henry A. Brown, medical attendance.....	12 50
John O. Dow, medical attendance.....	3 75
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Amount carried forward,	\$1,759 64

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$1,759 64	
Gilman C. Gleason, undertaker.....	20	00	
William H. Willis & Son.....	6	09	
Milo Parker's heirs, grass.....	11	10	
J. C. Cook.....	1	20	
P. McCall, repair on harnesses.....	1	95	
Cummings' Express.....	1	00	
Mary F. Riordan, labor in house.....	130	00	
Keeper of Almshouse, boots and shoes.....	16	40	
Same ice	9	00	
Same extension table.....	7	10	
Same medicine,.....	12	60	
Same standing grass	7	00	
Same help in haying	5	00	
Same steamer	3	00	
Same bed-tick	3	46	
Same sundries	11	56	
			\$2006 10
Total amount expended.....	\$2006	10	
Total amount received.....	1145	35	
Net expense of Poor at Almshouse.....			\$860 75

RELIEF OF POOR, OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Marcella Wood, rent.....	\$24	00	
Daniel L. Barnard and wife, \$26.25; fuel and supplies, \$33.38.....	59	63	
Caroline Weichman, \$84; fuel and supplies \$12.50.	96	50	
Louisa R. Parker, supplies.....	84	00	
George E. Leathe, "	96	00	
Eliza M. Bancroft: "	81	00	
Mrs. Daniel Sullivan, fuel \$27.25; medical attendance, \$3.75	31	00	
Henry Freeman, supplies, \$30.11; medical attendance, \$5.00	35	11	
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$507 24	

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$ 507 24	
John R. Dennett, supplies, \$37.55; fuel, \$13.62...	51 17	
William H. Manning, board.....	26 00	
Elizabeth W. DeRonda, rent.....	14 00	
Thomas Williams, relief to traveler.....	30	
Mary A. Blanchard, fuel, \$24.50; supplies, \$15.50;		
medical attendance, \$5.50.....	45 50	
Alfred Flint, board.....	39 28	
Mrs. Benjamin Weston, fuel	17 76	
Geo. H. Daland, supplies.....	10 28	
John H. Daland, supplies.....	20 90	
Charles Jenkins, supplies.....	\$185.97	
Less state aid.....	144 00	
	—————	41 97
Mary Smith, supplies	14 00	
	—————	\$788 40

LUNATIC HOSPITALS.

Northampton, Abigail P. Beers.....	\$170 23	
Worcester, Benjamin Weston.....	33 43	
Worcester, Mary Gowing	178 48	
	—————	\$382 14

TRAMPS.

George Beasley, keeper, supplies for 253.....	\$75 90	
Copeland & Bowser, blankets	6 00	
Parker & Stone, supplies	2 90	
Cummings' Express.....	75	
Wendell Bancroft, fitting room	43 60	
William G. Harris & Son, mattresses.....	8 75	
	—————	\$137 90
Number of tramps cared for at station house.	351.	
Total expense of Poor out of Almshouse	\$1308 44	
Net expense of Poor at Almshouse.....	860 75	
	—————	\$2169 19

Appropriation for support of Poor	\$2500 00
Amount expended.....	\$2169 19
Amount unexpended	330 81
	<hr/> \$2500 00

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF CITIES AND TOWNS.

Malden, Sarah L. Penney.....	\$19 40
Sherborn, Charles H. Leland.....	33 00
Boston, Luella R. Lloyd.....	71 00
Lynnfield, Edwin L. Hewes.....	80 28
State, Daniel L. Barnard	17 75
	<hr/> \$221 43

RECEIVED FROM CITIES AND TOWNS.

Sherborn, Charles H. Leland.....	\$36 00
Stoneham, Sarah E. Berry.....	22 26
Boston, Luella R. Lloyd.....	67 50
Wakefield, James Hennessy.....	3 00
Lynnfield, Edwin L. Hewes.....	40 07
State, Mary Muse.....	20 55
	<hr/> \$189 38

PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMSHOUSE.

Furniture, crockery, tinware, etc.....	\$354 75
Beds and bedding.....	263 09
Provisions	131 90
Stoves and apparatus.....	98 60
1 horse.....	60 00
2 cows.....	100 00
35 fowls.....	28 00
Light express wagon	50 00
Farm wagon	40 00
Stone wagon	15 00
2 horse carts	75 00
Horse sled.....	12 00
Sleigh.....	10 00

Amount carried forward, \$1,238 34

Amount brought forward, \$1,238 34

Mowing machine	12 00	
Snow plow.....	5 00	
Hay	125 00	
Grain	14 50	
Manure	50 00	
Wood and coal	27 00	
Harnesses	105 00	
Farming tools, etc.	120 84	
	<hr/>	\$1697 68

R. DEXTER TEMPLE,	} Overseers of Poor.
JAMES A. BANCROFT,	
STILLMAN M. PRATT,	

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

VALUATION OF ESTATES, REAL AND PERSONAL, TAXED IN THIS TOWN, MAY 1, 1885.

Real estate	\$2,163,309	00
Personal estate	200,633	00
Total valuation	\$2,363,942	00

Whole number of polls, 895, at \$2.00.....		\$1,790 00
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Amount of town appropriations.....	\$23,438	00
“ state tax.....	2,055	00
“ county tax.....	1,623	64
“ overlays.....	203	43

Total amount assessed		\$27,320 07
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Rate of taxation, \$10.80 per \$1000.

Total number of horses.....	300	
“ cows	302	
“ oxen	4	
“ dwelling houses.....	719	
“ acres of land.....	5,735	

Total value of real estate in 1885	\$2,163,309	00
“ “ “ 1884	2,151,210	00

Increase in 1885.....		\$12,099 00
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Total value of personal estate in 1884.....	\$219,558	00
“ “ “ 1885	200,633	00

Decrease in 1885		\$18,925 00
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Respectfully submitted.

R. DEXTER TEMPLE, JAMES A. BANCROFT, STILLMAN M. PRATT,	}	Assessors of Reading.
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SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT.

STREET LIGHTS.

Appropriation.		\$600 00
Wilbur C. Parker, lighting.....	\$26 80	
William B. Berry & Co., gasoline.....	31 05	
Citizens' Gas Light Co., gas.....	207 41	
Jeremiah C. Cook, labor	25	
Cummings' Express.....	3 65	
Pierce & Canterbury, kerosene oil.....	8 06	
Wheeler Reflector Company, lamps and oil.....	42 20	
Wm. H. Bancroft, setting glass in lanterns.....	3 70	
Warren Parker, lighting.....	13 58	
M. A. Stone, glass and putty.....	23	
Lang's Express.....	3 45	
Wendell Bancroft, lamp post	1 00	
George Beasley, lighting.....	258 10	
		\$599 48
Unexpended		52
		\$600 00

PRINTING.

Appropriation		\$200 00
C. M. Barrows & Co., printing town reports.....	\$141 50	
Same tax bills.....	7 50	
W. P. Adden, bill heads.....	2 50	
Pratt Bros., printing for Assessors.....	1 25	
Wm. H. Twombly & Son, printing for Selectmen ..	29 50	
Same printing for Board of Registrars..	8 12	
Same " Board of Health.....	3 50	
		\$193 87
Unexpended		6 13
		\$200 00

ENFORCEMENT OF LIQUOR LAW.

Appropriation	\$300 00
Unexpended.....	\$300 00

STATE AID.

Appropriation	\$1028 00
Dorcas Berry.....	\$48 00
Mary A. Blanchard	48 00
Noble Bunker.....	24 00
Elizabeth W. DeRonda	48 00
Sarah Hettler	48 00
Eliza A. Hobbs.....	48 00
Mary A. McAlister.....	48 00
Catherine O'Keefe.....	48 00
Abbie E. Oliver.....	20 00
Charlotte Richardson.....	48 00
Harriet C. Robinson.....	48 00
Henry F. Scruton.....	72 00
Chas. B. Leathe	72 00
Clara A. Leathe	48 00
Lambertus W. Krook.....	48 00
Marcella Wood.....	48 00
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To be reimbursed by the Commonwealth	\$764 00
Thomas A. Evans.....	\$6 00
Charles Jenkins	144 00
John Owens.....	72 00
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One-half to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth...	222 00
Unexpended	42 00
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	\$1028 00

TOWN OFFICE.

Appropriation		\$75 00
Henry Stock, janitor.....	\$8 77	
E. F. Parker, stationery.....	2 50	
Citizens' Gas Light Co., gas.....	7 63	
E. C. Parker, labor	1 50	
C. M. Barrows, stationery	1 50	
R. D. Temple, stamps.....	2 50	
F. W. Barry, order book.....	8 00	
Geo. Beasley.....	4 50	
Wendell Bancroft	16 31	
	<hr/>	\$53 21
Unexpended		21 79
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		\$75 00

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation		\$1500 00
Edward Applleton, Auditor.....	\$10 00	
James H. Griggs, Moderator.....	10 00	
Lewis M. Bancroft, Selectman, Overseer and Asses- sor, to April 6, 1885.....	50 00	
Gilman L. Parker, Auditor, for three years.....	30 00	
James A. Bancroft, on account as Selectman, Asses- sor and Overseer of Poor.....	175 00	
Stillman E. Parker, School Committee, to April 1, '85,	50 00	
Charles H. Nowell, Selectman, Assessor and Over- seer of Poor, to April 6, 1885.....	35 00	
Walter Rayner, Registrar, to March 1, 1885.....	10 00	
Same " " 1, 1886.....	40 00	
Edward F. Parker, Treasurer, on account.....	100 00	
Same School Committee, account.....	25 00	
R. Dexter Temple, Selectman, Assessor and Over- seer of Poor, to March 1, 1886.....	275 00	
R. Dexter Temple, Collector, in full payment on 1882 tax list.....	50 00	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>		\$860 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$860 00	
F. W. B. Pratt, Auditor	10 00	
Wm. M. Titus, Registrar, to March 1, 1886.....	40 00	
James A. Bancroft. School Committee, to Meh. 1,'86	50 00	
Stillman M. Pratt, on account as Selectman, Asses- sor and Overseer of Poor.....	160 00	
William J. Wightman, Town Clerk, 11 months.....	45 83	
Same Clerk of Registrars.....	36 67	
Henry Robinson, Registrar, to March 1, 1886.....	40 00	
John C. Gleason, Col., on account of 1885 tax list,	200 00	
James Reid, Town Clerk, 1 month.....	4 17	
Same Clerk of Registrars.....	3 33	
Horace G. Wadlin, School Committee, March 1, 1886	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$1500 00
Due Edward F. Parker, Treasurer, to March 1, 1886.	\$100 00	
Same School Committee	25 00	
Due J. A. Bancroft, Assessor and Overseer of Poor	100 00	
Due Stillman M. Pratt. " " "	75 00	
	<hr/>	\$300 00
3 School Committee's bills unpaid.		
INTEREST.		
Appropriation		\$1900 00
A. D. Collins, estate sold for taxes.....		97
Blackstone National Bank, interest on deposit.....		150 50
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		\$2051 47
Institution for Savings, Newburyport.....	\$1100 00	
Warren Institution for Savings.....	300 00	
Mrs. Mary Stimpson	40 00	
Miss Mary Stimpson	40 00	
Chrisje Ridder.....	30 00	
State Treasurer.....	300 00	
Gilman C. Gleason, interest on trust fund for care of cemetery lots.....	16 25	
	<hr/>	\$1826 25
Unexpended.....		225 22
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		\$2051 47

SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Appropriation	\$100 00
Harley Prentiss, Quartermaster.....	\$100 00

ESTATE BOUGHT FOR TAXES.

Paid R. Dexter Temple, Collector.....	\$72 38	
for recording deed.....	1 70	
	<hr/>	\$74 08
Received of A. D. Collins.....		74 08

REWARD IN STIMPSON CASE.

Appropriation	\$300 00
Paid J. A. Meloney, and I. S. Hutton.....	\$300 00

PROSPECT AND KING STREETS.

Appropriation		\$150 00
Charles A. Weston, labor	\$63 40	
Emerson Smith, labor	26 25	
William L. Jones, labor	10 00	
Patrick Burns, labor	20 10	
George Thayer, labor	9 90	
Andrew J. Varney, labor	8 10	
Patrick Barrett, labor	5 70	
Welman J. Moodey, labor	1 50	
Thomas R. Newhall, bound stones	2 00	
Oscar Foote	78	
	<hr/>	\$147 73
Unexpended		2 27
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		\$150 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation.....	\$2200 00
William E. Moulton.....	\$100 00
Wendell Bancroft.....	222 11
Same services as engineer	12 00
Wm. Henry Bancroft, steward, 1884 and '85	60 00
Robert F. Fillbrook, services.....	69 00
H. A. Trull, services.....	59 22
H. R. Hesleton, services.....	48 33
Henry Stock, janitor	37 07
T. Littlefield, labor and material	7 00
Citizens' Gas Light Co., gas	30 52
Luke McKenney, services	8 25
Geo. H. Parker, services as engineer	16 00
C. S. Coney	2 50
A. H. Carter, fireman of steamer.....	76 00
C. H. Stinchfield	8 00
Ardenne Parker	17 48
Arthur S. Richardson, services as engineer.....	20 00
G. S. Tukey, labor	1 00
Members of Fire Department, May 1, 1885	801 19
H. G. Rowell.....	2 65
George Thayer, watching fire.....	2 00
A. J. Morse & Son	5 00
Harry M. Eaton, services,	4 01
George W. Hunt.....	50
D. Doucette, labor.....	1 00
Robert C. Totten	3 50
P. McCall	50
F. O. Dewey & Sons.....	9 38
W. H. Banks.....	9 80
Harlan P. Pratt, services	2 83
Edward C. Nichols, services as engineer.....	17 50
Wm. Hazen Bancroft, labor.....	1 50

Amount carried forward,

\$1655 84

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1655 84	
W. H. Turner & Co., hose.....	35 00	
J. W. Stevens, services.....	8 93	
W. J. Bessey, services	11 25	
Albert J. Bancroft, labor	8 87	
George W. Atkinson, supplies.....	88	
Samuel Brown, repairs	2 25	
Henry Gorus, labor	6 20	
John A. Blunt, labor.....	6 25	
Parker & Stone, carting fuel	15 00	
George E. Lang, expressing.....	1 15	
L. G. Richardson, hauling hook and ladder truck ..	1 50	
William L. Crowe, engineer.....	20 00	
William L. Jones, labor	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$1777 12
Unexpended.....		422 88
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		\$220 00

CONCRETE AT ENGINE HOUSE.

Unexpended balance.....		\$87 00
S. B. Muse.....	\$81 05	
Wendell Bancroft.....	1 65	
George Beasley, keeper.....	4 30	
	<hr/>	\$87 00

POLICE.

Appropriation		\$200 00
George E. Davis, services.....	\$30 25	
Henry Stock, services.....	5 25	
William L. Jones, services.....	6 00	
Charles S. Coney, services	3 00	
F. E. Brooks, services.....	3 00	
W. E. Robinson, carriages.....	4 65	
James Forrest, carriages.....	19 00	
	<hr/>	\$71 15
Unexpended		128 85
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		\$200 00

MINERAL STREET BRIDGE.

Appropriation		\$300 00
D. Doucette, labor.....	\$50 77	
Michael Forbes, labor.....	10 50	
William E. Moulton, labor.....	29 10	
Robert M. Boyce, labor.....	32 10	
Orrin N. Jones, labor.....	13 30	
Joseph F. Williams, labor.....	14 85	
George Beasley, keeper, labor.....	12 00	
Wendell Bancroft, labor.....	13 50	
Charles A. Weston, labor.....	22 95	
John H. Orr, labor.....	6 00	
A. G. Bancroft, labor.....	1 55	
Henry F. Barker, labor.....	6 75	
Albert J. Bancroft, labor.....	37 10	
Emerson Smith, labor.....	14 45	
Fred Tuzon, labor.....	6 75	
Dudley F. Hunt, gravel.....	9 06	
Luke McKenny, labor.....	5 62	
John D. Canty, labor.....	1 50	
Walter Mears, labor	1 50	
Oliver A. Swain, labor.....	7 65	
John P. Riordan, labor.....	3 00	
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REMOVING ICE AND SNOW.

Appropriation		\$400 00
Wm. L. Jones, labor.....	\$129 00	
Wm. E. Moulton, labor.....	39 50	
E. E. Nichols, labor.....	23 75	
D. P. Babb, labor.....	17 50	
Wendell Bancroft, labor and snow plow.....	21 90	
Wm. O. Dockendorf, labor and snow plow	24 50	
R. M. Boyce, labor.....	11 00	
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$267 15	

Amount brought forward, \$267 15

Walter A. Emerson, labor.....	11 00	
Geo. Beasley, keeper.....	8 00	
Chas. A. Weston, labor.....	7 20	
Richard B. Nichols, labor.....	6 90	
Henry Gorus, labor.....	4 55	
J. Dexter Jones, labor	3 00	
Oren N. Jones, labor.....	1 50	
John Burditt, labor	1 50	
W. J. Draffin, labor.....	1 13	
W. A. Bancroft, labor.....	1 00	
Montclair Barbrick, labor.....	1 00	
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		\$313 93
Unexpended		86 07
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		\$400 00

SUMMER AVENUE.

Received County Commissioners' award		\$1000 00
Overdrawn in 1884.....	\$808 22	
Charles A. Weston, labor.....	70 75	
J. F. Williams, labor.....	24 75	
Amos Damon, 2d., labor.....	55 05	
Oliver A. Swain, labor.....	28 05	
George S. Coney, labor.....	5 00	
Warren Parker, labor.....	3 60	
Patrick Burns, labor.....	1 50	
George Batchelder	75	
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		\$997 67
Unexpended.....		2 33
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		\$1000 00

CLAIM OF EDWIN A. PIERCE.

Appropriation.....		\$365 00
Edwin A. Pierce, damage	\$365 00	

NIGHT WATCHMAN.

Appropriation		\$600 00
Henry Stock, services	\$600 00	

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriation	\$2500 00
Received for road scrapings	26 55
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	\$2526 55
George Beasley, labor in 1884.....	\$18 59
Same labor in 1885	30 87
Wm. L. Jones, labor.....	489 00
Boston & Maine Railroad, freight.....	4 80
Oren N. Jones, labor.....	81 65
Hiram Litchfield, labor.....	118 96
Martin Donohoe, labor.....	14 03
John P. Riordan, labor.....	116 83
Timothy Riordan, labor	133 98
James Siddle, labor	14 63
J. Dexter Jones, labor.....	72 30
Fred Tuzon, labor	53 48
Levi N. Newell, gravel	18 72
George Parker, labor.....	8 35
Wm. E. Moulton, labor	123 25
Fiske & Coleman, drain pipe	97 30
John H. Orr, labor.....	25 50
Patrick Burns, labor.....	42 38
Luke McKenney, labor.....	60 68
William Frost, labor.....	36 60
Albert Green, labor.....	53 70
R. M. Boyce, labor	131 40
Walter Mears, labor.....	4 20
E. B. Eames & Co., labor	47 50
Lewis Norris, labor.....	12 00
Charles Green, labor	49 20
Charles H. Ballard, labor.....	30 83
Dennis P. Babb, labor.....	36 00
Henry Barker, labor	24 00
Michael Forbes, labor	51 40
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$2,002 13

Amount brought forward.

\$2,002 13

Martin Forbes, labor.....	10 00
Henry F. Parker, labor.....	10 50
James E. Wilkins, labor.....	74 00
Edward E. Nichols, labor.....	51 00
Estes & McDonald, labor and materials	7 55
John D. Canty, labor	4 20
Joseph Stokes, labor.....	15 90
Albert F. Emerson, posts.....	15 00
Richard Hallett, labor.....	5 25
S. B. Muse, concrete.....	100 80
Emerson Smith, labor	47 50
Willard B. Nichols, labor.....	27 75
Stultz & Mansur, pipe.....	2 00
Luther E. Nichols, labor.....	32 25
Robert C. Totten, labor and materials.....	5 51
Wendell Bancroft, labor and materials.....	32 20
Oscar Foote, gravel.....	9 78
T. F. Gould, labor and materials	14 00
Town of North Reading, repairs of bridge.....	7 77
Asa Parker, labor.....	9 00
Samuel Brown, labor.....	2 25
W. J. Draffin, labor	80
Geo. W. Atkinson, gravel	17 46
John A. Blunt, labor and materials	86
Thos. J. Mayall, gravel	8 34
Duley F. Hunt, gravel.....	2 94
George R. Turner, gravel	3 42
Parker & Stone, materials	6 39

 \$2526 55

There is still due to Almshouse account, \$77 51

CONCRETE SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation		\$500 00
James Stevenson, account of 1884.....	\$34 82	
Same " 1885.....	14 00	
Nancy Frost.....	37 71	
Wendell Bancroft.....	48 95	
John Norwood.....	9 84	
T. D. Rich.....	3 68	
Harriet N. Flint.....	9 67	
Henry E. Holden.....	13 96	
Christian Union Society.....	7 63	
Charles E. Damon.....	4 30	
Geo. Richardson.....	24 98	
Edward F. Parker.....	14 81	
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Sylvan B. Muse.....	\$380 78	
Thomas J. Newall	110 24	
D. Doucette.....	28 00	
W. Bancroft	5 45	
B. M. Boyce.....	10 18	
George Beasley, keeper.....	4 50	
William L. Jones.....	8 00	
Stultz & Mansur.....	2 42	
Cummings' Express.....	1 80	
Estes & McDonald.....	25	
	<hr/>	\$551 62
Unexpended		172 73
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		\$724 35

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Appropriation		\$300 00
Benjamin Needham, real estate list of 1882.....	\$ 30	
John Sweet's heirs " " "	23	
Isaac C. Wyman " " "	23	
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<i>Amount carried forward.</i>	\$ 76	

Amount brought forward \$ 76

William Bryant, list of 1883, real estate.....	28 36
Amos Flint, " " " ".....	30 77
Lucy W. Roby, " " " ".....	15 87
Benjamin Needham " " " ".....	28
John H. Sweet's heirs " " ".....	21
William A. Whittridge " " ".....	41
Alden Whittridge, heirs " " ".....	21
Amos Flint, list of 1884, real estate.....	32 04
R. D. Temple, Col., list of 1882, personal and polls	51 71
R. D. Temple, " " 1883, "	84 70
R. D. Temple, " " 1884, "	51 52

\$296 84

Unexpended.....

3 16

\$300 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Appropriation	\$900 00
R. D. Temple, auctioneer's license.....	2 00
Lockup fees	1 50

\$903 50

P. B. Teed, oiling trees.....	\$3 50
Lyceum Hall Association.....	50 00
Everett C. Parker, labor.....	1 60
S. K. Hamilton, counsel	150 00
G. S. Tukey, repairs and pump.....	23 75
Jury and witnesses on fire inquest.....	402 91
Albert J. Bancroft, labor.....	1 00
T. Groom & Co., tax book.....	1 50
Joseph Stokes, removing nuisance.....	2 00
S. E. Parker, census of school-children.....	12 00
W. E. Marshall, ringing bell.....	4 00
Geo. W. Dean, care of flag.....	5 00

Amount carried forward.....\$657 26

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$657 26
Geo. W. Dean, raising flag memorial services, and tolling bell.....	\$14 00	
C. K. Littlefield, ringing.....	1 00	
C. H. Nichols.....	50	
R. D. Temple, watering trough.....	1 00	
Cummings' express	1 25	
William Nokes, horse hire, assault case.....	4 00	
J. H. Hanaford, reporting births	75	
H. A. Brown, " "	3 00	
J. O. Dow, " "	2 25	
F. F. Brown, " "	6 50	
Same, vaccination	6 00	
Gilman C. Gleason, reporting deaths	11 25	
Wm. J. Wightman, recording births, deaths and marriages.....	5 25	
Same, stationery, stamps, and dog licenses....	6 00	
Same, issuing certificates to representative	2 00	
James Reid, recording births, deaths and marriages,	38 00	
Same making records	20	
Same stationery	37	
George Beasley, distributing town reports.....	6 00	
D. C. Temple, lock and labor.....	3 00	
N. W. Broad, labor on town building.....	1 62	
W. M. Titus, drinking cups at pumps	1 00	
George E. Lang, expressing.....	95	
Edward F. Parker, travelling expenses.....	1 88	
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		\$775 03
Unexpended		128 47
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		\$903 50

Table of Appropriations and Expenditures for 1885.

OBJECT OF APPROPRIATION.	Sundries.	Amount.	Expen'd.	Balance.	Over'd.
Reward in Stimpson case		\$300 00	\$300 00		
Fire Department.....		2200 00	1777 12	422 88	
Printing		200 00	193 87	6 13	
Police.....		200 00	71 15	128 85	
Estate Bought for Taxes.....		74 08	74 08		
Cemetery.					
Balance	\$44 84				
Received from sale of lots.....	261 00				
Received from sale of wood.....	2 00				
		307 84	289 14	18 70	
Soldiers' Graves.....		100 00	100 00		
Concrete at Engine House—balance.....		87 00	87 00		
Concrete Sidewalks.					
Appropriation	500 00				
Received for curb-stones and concrete..	224 35				
		724 35	551 62	172 73	
Street Lights.....		600 00	599 48	52	
Town Office.....		75 00	53 21	21 79	
Night Watchman.....		600 00	600 00		
Miscellaneous Expenses.					
Appropriation.....	900 00				
License, \$2, Lockup fees, \$1.50.....	3 50				
		903 50	775 03	128 47	
Public Library.					
Appropriation.....	450 00				
Dog Tax.....	235 71				
		685 71	685 71		
Support of Poor.					
Appropriation	2500 00				
Labor, produce and board.....	1145 35				
		3645 35	3314 54	330 81	
Support of Poor of other cities and towns rec'd.....		189 38	221 43		\$32 05
Summer Avenue—award of County Commis's.....		1000 00	997 67	2 33	
Prospect and King Streets		150 00	147 73	2 27	
Mineral Street Bridge.....		300 00	300 00		
Claim of Edwin A. Pierce		365 00	365 00		
Schools.					
Appropriation	8100 00				
Tuition	12 00				
Drawn from School Fund.....	266 44				
		8378 44	8378 44		
School Incidentals.					
Appropriation.....	1400 00				
Return Premium.....	24 00				
Books and supplies sold.....	29 01				
Drawn from School Fund.....	2 69				
		1455 70	1455 70		
Abatement of Taxes.....		300 00	296 84	3 16	
Military Aid.....		1028 00	986 00	42 00	
Interest.					
Appropriation.....	1900 00				
Received on Deposits.....	150 50				
Estate Bought for Taxes.....	97				
		2051 47	1826 25	225 22	
Salaries of Town Officers.....		1500 00	1500 00		
Removing Ice and Snow		400 00	313 93	86 07	
Highways.					
Appropriation.....	2500 00				
Sale of Scrapings	26 55				
		2526 55	2526 55		
Town debt.....		2363 00		2363 00	
		\$32710 37	\$28787 49	\$3954 93	\$32 05

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

On the preceding pages the Selectmen present their report of the disbursements in the various departments during the year; which we think are given in detail sufficiently to show the manner in which the money has been expended.

The expenses have in most cases been kept within the appropriations.

The amount (\$1500) appropriated for salaries of town officers, was not sufficient to pay them for the time they were obliged to spend to do the work required of them.

The appropriation for night watchman was expended before the closing of the year, but we thought it for the best interest of the town to keep one employed until the annual meeting of the Town.

During the months of September and October, the streets outside the village were not lighted, which enabled us to keep within the appropriation, although it was considerably reduced from the previous year.

Summer Avenue has been completed, and with the amount overdrawn last year, paid from the money received of the County.

On account of the reduced appropriation for the repairs of highways, and the damaging rains of last summer, for the safety of travel we were compelled to have extra work done, and employed the keeper of the almshouse, leaving a balance due that department, and also find the streets are not in as good repair as a year ago.

We have during the year fitted a room in the basement of the town building, at a cost of fifty dollars, for the accommodation of tramps, thereby greatly reducing the expense and trouble of caring for them.

From the experience of the work of the past year, we present for your consideration the following list of appropriations:

For support of poor.....	\$2700 00
Salaries of town officers	2000 00
Military aid.....	1000 00
Street lights.....	700 00
Printing	200 00
Abatement of taxes.....	250 00
Town office	75 00
Miscellaneous	300 00
Highways and bridges.....	3200 00
Removing snow.....	350 00
Deficiency	400 00

R. DEXTER TEMPLE,	} Selectmen of Reading.
JAMES A. BANCROFT,	
STILLMAN M. PRATT,	

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

R. DEXTER TEMPLE, COLLECTOR,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF READING.

DR.

To uncollected taxes of 1882.....	\$181 38
“ “ “ 1883.....	2,417 00
“ “ “ 1884.....	10,431 38
“ collected interest 1882.....	32 48
“ “ “ 1883.....	183 12
“ “ “ 1884.....	265 36
	<hr/> \$13,510 72

CR.

By cash paid E. F. Parker, Treas., on 1882 taxes	\$181 38
“ “ “ “ 1883 “	2,197 13
“ “ “ “ 1884 “	7,628 79
“ “ “ “ 1882 interest,	32 48
“ “ “ “ 1883 “	183 12
“ “ “ “ 1884 “	265 36
“ balance uncollected on 1883 taxes.....	219 87
“ “ “ 1884 “	2,802 59
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\$13,510 72

R. DEXTER TEMPLE, Collector.

Reading, March 21, 1886.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

JOHN C. GLEASON, COLLECTOR,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF READING.

DR.

To committed tax list of 1885,.....	\$27,320	07
“ additional assessment	2	00
“ interest	40	24
“ discount on County tax.....	10	82
	\$27,373	13

CR.

By paid Edward F. Parker, Treasurer.....	\$19,265	65
“ “ Amos Stone, County Treasurer.....	1,623	64
“ balance uncollected.....	6,483	84
	\$27,373	13

JOHN C. GLEASON, *Collector.*

READING, March 22, 1886.

Dr. Edward F. Parker, Treasurer, in

To cash in Treasury, March 1, 1885.....	\$4,833 51
Town of Stoneham, for support of Sarah Berrey.....	22 26
Sherborn, for support of C. H. Leland.....	36 00
Wakefield, for support of James Hennessy.....	3 00
Lynnfield, for support of Edwin L. Hewes.....	40 07
City of Boston, for support of L. R. Lloyd.....	67 50
State Treasurer, corporation tax.....	1,619 45
State Treasurer, National Bank tax.....	471 25
State Treasurer, State aid.....	978 00
State Treasurer, for support of State poor.....	20 55
County Treasurer, account of Summer Avenue.....	1,000 00
County Treasurer, account of dog tax.....	235 71
Blackstone National Bank, for interest.....	150 50
• George L. Smith, cemetery bequest.....	200 00
Susan A. Martin, cemetery bequest.....	100 00
Estates of Susan Wright, Elizabeth Preston and Margaret Gilmore	75 00
R. Dexter Temple, auctioneer's license.....	2 00
Overseers of the Poor, almshouse account.....	503 52
Overseers of the Poor, pension of Catherine O'Keefe.....	96 00
Selectmen, concrete account.....	224 35
School Committee, tuition of non-residents.....	12 00
School Committee, for books and supplies sold.....	29 01
Highway Surveyor, for scrapings sold.....	26 55
School Committee, from School Fund.....	269 13
Wm. J. Wightman, for return premium on insurance.....	24 00
For release of estates sold for taxes.....	75 05
Night watchman, for lockup fees.....	1 00
C. S. Coney, police, for lockup fees.....	50
R. Dexter Temple, Collector, list of 1882.....	213 86
R. Dexter Temple, Collector, list of 1883.....	2,380 25
R. Dexter Temple, Collector, list of 1884.....	7,894 42
John C. Gleason, Collector, list of 1885.....	19,265 65
	\$40,870 09

ACCOUNT OF

Balance, March 1, 1885.....	\$240 85
Received from State Treasurer.....	182 93

\$423 78

Reading, March 1, 1886.

account with the Town of Reading,**Cr.**

By paying State tax.....	\$2,055 00
" Selectmen's orders.....	27,384 46
Cash in Treasury, for cemetery bequests.....	725 00
" " paying town debt.....	3,918 00
" balance in treasury, March 1, 1886.....	6,787 63
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	\$40,870 09

SCHOOL FUND.

Expended for tuition.....	\$266 44	
Expended for books.....	2 69	
	<hr/>	\$269 13
Unexpended		154 65
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		\$423 78

EDWARD F. PARKER, *Treasurer.*

AUDITORS' REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1886.

LIABILITIES.

Town notes, March 1st, 1885.....	\$43,750 00	
Town notes, March 1st, 1886.....		\$43,750 00
(No notes of the town have become due during the past year, and no holder of a town note has been willing to have the payment thereof anticipated.)		
Interest accrued on town notes.....	\$463 34	
Due Fire Department, estimated.....	800 00	
Miscellaneous debts, “	500 00	
		<hr/> 1,763 34

TRUST FUNDS.

Bequest of Nancy Wakefield.....	\$100 00	
“ Thomas Sweetser.....	100 00	
“ Sabina Nichols.....	100 00	
“ Martha Pike.....	25 00	
“ Sarah Batchelder.....	25 00	
“ George L. Smith.....	200 00	
“ Susan A. Martin.....	100 00	
“ Susan Wight, Elizabeth Preston, and Margaret Gilman	75 00	
		<hr/> 725 00
All the above for care of lots in cemetery.		
Total liabilities		<hr/> \$46,238 34

AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Unpaid taxes of 1883.....	\$219 87	
“ “ 1884.....	2,802 59	
“ “ 1885.....	6,483 84	
Interest accrued on unpaid taxes.....	432 20	
Due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts.....	30 75	
“ “ City of Boston.....	71 00	
“ “ “ “ Lawrence.....	4 00	
“ “ Town of Lynnfield	80 28	
“ “ City of Malden.....	19 40	
“ “ State Aid account.....	764 00	
“ “ State Military Aid.....	111 00	
Unexpended balance of School Fund.....	154 65	
Trust Funds for cemetery uses.....	725 00	
Balance of appropriation for Town debt, 1884..	1,555 00	
Appropriations for Town debt in 1885.....	2,363 00	
Other cash in Treasury.....	6,387 72	
	<hr/>	\$22,204 30

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Net debt March 1st, 1885.....	\$25,872 72
Net debt March 1st, 1886.....	24,034 04

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY.

Town farm and buildings.....	\$4,600 00	
Personal property at town farm.....	1,697 68	
	<hr/>	\$6,297 68
Cemetery land (2 acres, also 100 lots.).....	\$2,750 00	
Hearse.....	100 00	
Hearse house	50 00	
	<hr/>	2,900 00
Steamer and hose carriage	\$3,900 00	
Harnesses	250 00	
Eagle engine and hose carriage.....	250 00	
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<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$4,400 00	\$9,197 68

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$4,400 00	\$9,197 68
Eagle engine house.....	50 00	
Hancock engine and hose carriage	450 00	
Hancock engine house.....	1,200 00	
Hook and ladder carriage, etc	300 00	
Hose and furniture.....	2,400 00	
	<hr/>	8,750.00
Also, for use of fire department, 27 cisterns and wells.		
School-houses and land	\$26,000 00	
Furniture and school-books	2,600 00	
Piano and apparatus in High School.....	500 00	
Engine house, and town offices and lot.....	9,000 00	
Land in rear of engine house.....	1,000 00	
Property in town offices	300 00	
	<hr/>	43,400 00
Total.....		\$61,347 68

The accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, and Collector have been examined and found correct.

The balance of cash in hand, as stated by the Treasurer, \$6,387.72, is correct; and the trust funds and appropriations for town debt are in bank.

The first note of the town coming due, is for \$6,000, payable July 27th, 1887. We now have on hand, appropriated towards the payment of the debt, \$3,918 00; and with the usual appropriations toward this object for this year and next, we shall be ready to pay this note when due—and a part of the next one, which comes due August 9th, 1887, for \$4,500 00.

We would suggest that the land in rear of the engine house does not appear to be needed for any uses of the town, and might probably be wanted for a building lot; and that therefore the Selectmen might be authorized to sell the same when a suitable price is offered, and apply the proceeds to the payment of the debt.

EDWARD APPLETON,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
FRANK W. B. PRATT,	
A. NEWELL HOWES,	

Report of the Board of Engineers.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of the Town of Reading:

The Engineers of the Fire Department make their report.

During the past year the department has responded to five (5) alarms.

1885. April 1. 3.50 A. M. Unoccupied building of Lawrence Duly. Loss, \$300; insurance, \$300; insurance received, \$275. Incendiary.
1885. July 4. 3.00 P. M. House of O. W. Austin. No damage. Fire crackers.
1885. July 6. 2.00 A. M. Mrs. C. A. Brown's house and barn. Loss, \$1500; insurance, \$1800; insurance received, \$1115. Occupied by J. W. Crowell. Loss, \$1500; insurance, \$1500; insurance received, \$1100. Incendiary.
1885. Oct. 9. 6.30 P. M. Jacob Jones' unoccupied barn. Loss, \$200; insurance, none. Tramps.
1886. Jan. 23. 2.45 P. M. Wm. Proctor's store and varnish room. Loss, building, \$300; stock and fixtures, \$1200;— (\$1500); insurance, \$800; insurance received, \$750. Over-heated oven.

We think that the citizens have reason to feel grateful for the comparatively small loss of property by fire during the past year.

The only change in the apparatus since the last report has been the purchase of twelve (12) feet of rubber suction hose for the Hancock engine. The department now owns two thousand feet of new hose, and about two thousand feet of old leather hose, mostly in fair condition. The steamer and hook and ladder house is in good condition; the house of Hancock No. 2, will need a small outlay; the house of Eagle, No.

4, will soon require extensive repairs to be of any use to the town ; but as the engine has been removed to the basement of the steamer house, the Engineers recommend the sale of the house, and the appropriation of as much of the money as may be needed to arch the cisterns now under the Eagle house. We recommend that the Engineers be authorized to sell the Eagle engine, if they can do so to the advantage of the town.

The Engineers think that there are several places where there is urgent need of cisterns, to ensure a sufficient supply of water in case of fire, and recommend that an appropriation of \$650 be made to build the same. They also recommend that a driven well be sunk on the plain, west of the depot, at a cost of \$200.

It is the opinion of the Board that twenty-five hundred dollars should be appropriated to meet the expenses of the department for the ensuing year.

In conclusion, the Board desires to thank the citizens generally, and especially the members of the Reading Protective Association, who have rendered very efficient service at all fires.

E. C. NICHOLS, *Chief Engineer.*

WM. L. CROWE,	} <i>Assistants.</i>
WENDELL BANCROFT,	
MOSES E. NICHOLS.	

ARTHUR S. RICHARDSON, *Clerk.*

POLICE REPORT.

READING, March 1, 1886.

SELECTMEN OF READING :

Gentlemen, We submit the annual Police report. Number of arrests for the year, 13.

For drunkenness.....	6—(Males)
“ assault	3—(Males)
“ larceny.....	1
“ disturbing peace.....	1—(Female)
“ disobedient children.....	2—(Males)
Tramps taken care of.....	351
Doors found unlocked.....	21
Fire alarms.....	2

Respectfully, etc.,

HENRY STOCK,
CHARLES S. CONEY, } *Police.*

Report of Cemetery Committee.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Amount in hands of Committee at the time of annual Report, 1884-5.....	\$44 84
Received from the sale of lots.....	261 00
Received for wood sold.....	2 00
	\$307 84

EXPENDED FOR CARE OF THE CEMETERY.

Paid G. C. Gleason, for labor.....	\$106 98
P. Barrett for labor,.....	105 92
D. Sullivan, for labor.....	14 01
Martin Forbes, for labor, man and horse.....	26 89
M. Hennesey, for labor.....	17 00
Michael Forbes, for labor.....	7 75
R. M. Boyce, for labor.....	7 50
D. P. Babb, for labor.....	2 00
W. Bancroft, for lock.....	1 09
	\$289 14
Balance in the hands of the Committee.....	\$18 70

No extraordinary expenditures for permanent improvements have been made. Consequently no part of the appropriation made by the town at the last annual meeting has been drawn, enough having been realized from the sale of lots to defray all expenses incurred. We do not now recommend any special outlay for any work beyond what is required to keep the grounds in good condition. If, in the coming year

the general financial condition of the town seems to warrant it, and no special call for large expenditures in any of the other departments appears, we suggest to the voters, that a larger amount may perhaps be wisely expended in keeping the place more uniformly attractive.

F. O. DEWEY, G. C. GLEASON, JAS. A. BANCROFT, F. W. B. PRATT, S. BANCROFT,	}	Committee.
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Reading, March, 1886.

LIBRARY REPORT.

The Trustees of the Public Library submit the following report:—

During the year the circulation has slightly exceeded 16,000 volumes. A supplement to the general catalogue has been issued, and another is in process of preparation.

The new system of delivery is found to be satisfactory, and the increase in circulation is due to it, and to the fact that patrons now have access to a complete catalogue.

For the first time since its establishment, the library has been open continuously throughout the year on the usual days, the annual closing for examination not now being required.

The receipts and expenses of the library during the current year, have been as follows:

Receipts:—

Appropriation.....	\$450 00	
Amount of dog tax.....	235 71	
	<hr/>	\$685 71

Expenditures:—

Lizzie S. Cox, librarian.....	\$149 50
Grace L. Fletcher, assistant.....	7 80
Gertrude G. Ruggles, assistant.....	5 40
R. J. Hill, binding books.....	36 75
Wm. Proctor, rent.....	180 00
Citizens' Gas Light Co., gas.....	18 55
Barrows & Co., printing.....	28 40
E. H. Hames, periodicals.....	8 00
Estes & Lauriat, books.....	191 27
Chas. Scribner's Sons, books.....	10 00
John C. Paige, insurance.....	18 75
H. E. Cox, fuel.....	7 66

<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$662 08
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<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$662 08	
W. Bancroft, fuel.....	3 13	
N. Chamberlin, hand stamp.....	1 50	
Incidentals	6 00	
F. W. Parker, care of room.....	13 00	
	-----	\$685 11

FINE ACCOUNT.

Amount of balance, 1885.....	\$50 85	
Received for fines.....	31 99	
for catalogues.....	14 85	
for cards.....	3 30	
	-----	\$100 99
Paid for books and supplies.....	\$50 85	
incidentals	3 39	
express.....	1 75	
	-----	55 99
Balance		\$45 00

Two vacancies will require to be filled at the ensuing annual meeting, the terms of Messrs. Foster and Wadlin expiring.

Respectfully submitted.

STEPHEN FOSTER, *Chairman*
 HORACE G. WADLIN, *Sec'y.*
 JAMES H. GRIGGS,
 CYRUS M. BARROWS,
 HARLEY PRENTISS,
 CHARLES D. THOMAS,

READING, March 15, 1886.

Trustees.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF READING

FOR THE YEAR 1885--6.



REPORT.

The School Committee for the year ending March, 1886, respectfully submit the following report:—

ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE.

The organization of the Committee during the year has been as follows:—

Chairman—Horace G. Wadlin.

Secretary—Gilman L. Parker.

SUB COMMITTEES.

High School—Messrs. Wadlin and Wright.

First Grammar—Mr. Wright.

Second Grammar—Mr. S. E. Parker.

Third Grammar—Mr. G. L. Parker.

Upper Medium—Mr. E. F. Parker.

Lower Medium—Mr. S. E. Parker.

Upper Primary—Mr. Wright.

Lower Primary—Mr. Wadlin.

Chestnut Hill Schools—Mr. G. L. Parker.

Woburn Street Schools—Mr. Bancroft.

Lowell Street School—Mr. E. F. Parker.

Main Street School—Mr. Bancroft.

Haverhill Street School—Mr. S. E. Parker.

On Music—Messrs. Wright and G. L. Parker.

On Prudential Affairs—Messrs. E. F. and S. E. Parker.

On Accounts and Pay Roll—Mr. E. F. Parker.

On Purchase of Books and Supplies—Mr. E. F. Parker.

CHANGES IN TEACHING FORCE.

The changes in the teaching force during the year have been as follows :—

THIRD GRAMMAR.

Miss A. L. M. Buswell resigned to accept appointment elsewhere.

UPPER MEDIUM.

Miss Ella F. Wakefield promoted to Third grammar, the vacancy being filled by the election of Miss Mary E. Murkland. Miss Murkland resigned during the winter on account of ill health.

LOWER MEDIUM.

Mrs. Alice W. Emerson promoted to the Upper medium, the vacancy being filled by the election of Miss Annie C. Lawrence.

UNION ST. UPPER PRIMARY.

Miss Lillian C. Roberts resigned.

CHESTNUT HILL PRIMARY.

Miss Mary W. Howard promoted to the Union street upper primary.

MAIN STREET SCHOOL.

Miss Annie P. Reid promoted to the Chestnut Hill primary, the vacancy being filled by the election of Miss M. Fannie Wilson.

HAVERHILL STREET SCHOOL.

Miss Susan C. Elliott succeeded by Miss Hattie F. Damon.

HIGH SCHOOL.

At the beginning of the year, eighty-six pupils were enrolled in this school. Twenty-one graduated in June with the usual honors, their names appearing in the appendix. Forty-eight pupils

entered the school in September, the total number enrolled at that time being one hundred and four. The entering class was not only the largest in numbers, but is considered the best prepared of any that has entered the school since it has been in charge of the present principal, and it is reported as having maintained its record for diligence and good behavior ever since. The principal reports that the illness of pupils has interfered with the work of the school during the last part of the winter term.

The advanced class, provided for under the four years' course, has proved successful. This class, by permission of the Committee, has taken algebra instead of logic, the study prescribed in the course, in order to provide for the requirements for admission to the Institute of Technology, and to enable the pupils to extend their knowledge of mathematics. The principal states that the class in geometry in the three years' course has done considerable extra work in mechanical drawing during the year, of a very practical nature. In the absence of drawing as a prescribed study, this class has developed especially marked ability in this direction, both in geometry and in connection with the study of physics. Another interesting feature of the ordinary work of the school is thus stated: "We have taken up from time to time general exercises based on facts obtained from the daily papers, and have attempted to notice the most important events of the day."

Classes in reading have been conducted four times a week, and the senior class is commended for particularly good work.

The Committee some time ago declined to grant excuses to pupils who desired to omit the exercises in music, and the benefits of this policy are now obvious. The boys are reported as giving the best singing heard from them in many years.

Contrary to the usual plan, the diplomas were presented to the graduating class in the school room, the exhibition in the church being omitted. This change was made by the class voluntarily, but was entirely satisfactory to the Committee, and, we believe, to all interested.

GRAMMAR AND PRIMARY DEPARTMENTS.

Four hundred and fifty-nine pupils are at present enrolled in these schools.

The attendance during most of the year has been good, but during the winter months the prevalence of scarlet fever and measles has materially affected several schools, particularly the lower primaries. No cases of truancy of a serious nature have been brought to the attention of the Committee. The work of the schools would be improved if another grade were introduced between the primaries and the high school, thus giving an additional year's instruction before entering the latter; and the advisability of forming an additional class to carry out this improvement will doubtless demand the attention of the Committee in the near future.

STUDIES PURSUED.

Under this head we present abstracts of reports made to the Committee, by teachers of the different schools.

Reading. (1.) "The aim in reading has been to express ideas instead of reading words; to secure natural reading the pupil is asked to *tell* what he has read. The difficult words are pronounced clearly by the class in concert, and individually after the teacher. Concert exercises on vowel sounds have been given: also breathing exercises. In the study of a reading lesson, the pupils are taught to refer to the dictionary for pronunciation, rather than to the teacher. Instead of lessons from the reader, sometimes the pupils read from the history, geography, or physiology. Reading at sight has been limited, as the books for that purpose are beyond the capacity of the present class, and too few in number. I have several books of my own at the desk which I frequently use for sight reading, calling children to the front of the room, and insisting on their reading so plainly that all shall understand. Most children read well anything they can comprehend."

(2.) "My first effort in a reading class is to teach the pupils to understand and enjoy whatever they are reading. They study the lesson, and tell the story, or the meaning of what they have read, in language of their own. Then they read the words of the author with as much of the author's spirit as I can infuse into them, striving to obtain clear articulation and correct pronunciation."

(3.) "In teaching reading, my aim has been to lead the pupil first to grasp the thought expressed, and then to train his voice to effectively render the passage. The first object has been attained by questions and talks about the reading lesson. Voice culture has been attained by means of vocal exercises on vowel and other sounds, and by breathing exercises to develop chest power. Special attention to distinct articulation has been insisted on."

(4.) "In reading I have used the reader, some occasional supplementary books, vocal drill, etc. Have stimulated interest and secured attention sometimes, by allowing the class to question the pupil after he has read a paragraph."

(5.) "My method in teaching reading, is to aim that my pupils may grasp the thought and express it most naturally and effectively. I try to have them read by sentences *a thought*, rather than a word at a time, and aim to make thought govern expression always."

(6.) "The aim of the work in reading and spelling for this grade (primary) is to increase the vocabulary of the children. In teaching a new word, when practicable the object is first presented and its name given by the children. The word is then written on the board. Its form is studied until pupils can reproduce it upon their slates whenever the object is placed before them, or when the word is spoken. The class is then taught to use the new word in constructing sentences."

(7.) "I teach the beginners to read by the written word method, using the blackboard wholly for nearly three months. During this time and after they have books I aim to teach them to read as they would talk."

Spelling. (1.) "When I assign a spelling lesson, the meaning of each word is ascertained, and each is put into a sentence. At recitation time the lesson is written."

(2.) "Spelling has been largely written with oral lessons twice a week. Dictation exercises are frequent. Misspelled words in nearly all written exercises, such as compositions and examinations, have been marked, and in written examinations one per cent for every three words misspelled has been deducted from the mark otherwise obtained by the pupil. In taking up the review questions in Warren's geography, answers have been frequently written on the board by pupils, and errors corrected by the class. The spelling of proper names has been much improved in this way."

(3.) "In spelling our work is largely written, though I occasionally give an oral lesson to teach articulation. Usually the pupils are given a list of words, which they are to study, looking for the pronunciation and meaning in their dictionaries. They are then asked to introduce these words into sentences.

I have this year insisted on correct spelling in all written examinations, the pupil losing part of his mark for every misspelled word. The result is very satisfactory to me."

(4.) "In spelling, while they read in the primer, (primary grade) each pupil spells at sight every new word that occurs. When they begin the second reader they spell the words arranged at the beginning of the lessons, orally and write them. Every day I give one word in the lesson to build a sentence on, to help them in writing and spelling and lead them to express themselves easily about objects and things with which they are familiar."

(5.) "I teach spelling in connection with the reading, and find I have much better results than by using sets of words half of which children can not understand. After the reading I give words to learn which are to be found in their reading, and which they will have occasion to use."

(6.) "I have been teaching phonetic spelling in the lower classes, gradually exchanging this for the common method as the children become more acquainted with the forms of words."

Numbers. (1.) "Numbers are taught from illustrations, leading the pupils to perceive the principles, and to make application of them."

(2.) "Frequent reviews have been made of fractions. Practical examples have been given constantly, and the effort made to have the children do more work with the head and less with the pencil. The children usually perform their work in arithmetic, and leave the explanation of the examples until the next morning. A night's sleep often clears the brain wonderfully."

(3.) "The work of my class in numbers has been fairly satisfactory. I have given more drill than ever this year in mental arithmetic, rapid calculation, the making of change, etc. The pupils show a gain in power to work independently, self-reliance being rigidly insisted upon in all their work."

(4.) "In teaching the elements of numbers, I have used splints and blocks, and sought to lead pupils to observe for themselves, and state their observations. In the four fundamental rules, addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division, there is necessarily much mechanical work. The rapidity and accuracy of execution vary with different classes."

(5.) My method of teaching fractions is, first, a development of ideas of fractional numbers by actual handling of parts of things; so I have prepared a set of rulers and discs for school use. Second, I believe in oral drill to fix the facts, and to train to rapidity of calculation. Third, application in practical problems of knowledge gained."

(6.) "The facts of each number are systematically taught with splints and numerical frame. The facts thus shown are committed to memory, written on slates, and repeated as tables."

(7.) "Numbers I teach objectively in a great measure, almost entirely so with the beginners. In all my classes in numbers I have a great deal of drill in rapid addition, combination, and separation of numbers."

(8.) "I am at present using Grube's method with the youngest pupils, and shall continue to do so with all who begin that study with me."

History. (1.) "History is a study which the children generally find entertaining. I always go through with the advance lesson with them, showing them the important points, and telling any stories connected with the day's work. I have several histories at the desk, which they use freely."

(2.) "The pupils have a number of histories from which they obtain information concerning logically arranged topics prepared for them. Causes and effects, together with the peculiarities of the various historical characters, are discussed. Continued reviews and drill fix the facts in the mind."

Language. (1.) "Some attention has been given to simple analysis, and the pupils show an improvement in their ability to think. Incorrect sentences are corrected, and the reason given. The mistakes in punctuation and spelling in composition work are frequently put upon the board, and the pupils find out how to make them right. Selections from standard authors are learned, and copied neatly into blank books."

(2.) "The work in language for the year has consisted of dictation and composition exercises, the study of principles of correct writing and speaking, technical grammar, and incorrect syntax."

(3.) "Language is taught both with and without the book, from board and oral exercises; our aim being variety, so as to make the study interesting."

Music. (1.) "In music the children are slowly learning to read at sight. Three-part music is sung; the boys working hard to sustain their part."

(2.) "In music my pupils have progressed far beyond what I had thought possible. At the beginning of the year they lacked confidence in singing to such a degree that it was almost impossible to get them to sing the simplest exercise without aid. Now they sing readily two-part music, and write the scales they have studied, and have made good progress in the study of time."

(3.) "In music, we have read and sung pieces in different keys, have had drill in time, and the use of the French time-names."

(4.) "The work in music under the present director is satisfactory, and enjoyed by the pupils."

Drawing. (1.) "In drawing, the pupils have made working plans of objects and given some slight attention to object-drawing. They have made original designs for tiles, carpets, wall paper and borders. They have also done the work in copying which the drawing book prescribes, and some geometrical forms in free-hand."

(2.) "In drawing, the children have been led to make working plans of simple objects, as bands, plates, fans, etc. The pupils have shown much interest in simple exercises in design. Some elements for these have been forms of flowers which they have conventionalized for themselves. Some slight attention has been given to object drawing, but it is beyond my grade, at present. I have sought to train the eye by leading the pupils to estimate the proportions of different lines, in their working plans. The improvement in this direction has been satisfactory."

(3.) "In drawing we have taken the plane figures, circle and its parts, one or two original designs, and have drawn from objects, besides nearly finishing our free-hand book."

(4.) "In drawing, the work has been mostly from dictation, combined with designing exercises, using squares and circles on which to build."

Physiology and Hygiene. (1.) "We have had lessons in physiology, perhaps twice a week. The object has not been for the pupils to memorize the facts simply, but the important subjects have been discussed with interest, and I hope with profit."

(2.) "No hour is looked forward to with more pleasure than that spent studying physiology. The text book provided has been our guide, but information has been gathered from many other sources."

(3.) "In the study of temperance hygiene, the pupils have become quite enthusiastic. We usually consider our lesson by the use of a topical outline put on the board before the study hour. The pupil is not confined to the text book, but is encouraged to bring in information from all sources."

(4.) "The children are very much interested in the subject, and are anxious for the day to come on which we have lessons in these books."

(5.) "In hygiene we have had daily lessons since the introduction of the study, until two weeks ago; since then twice a week. The pupils are all interested in the study."

(6.) "We have used the temperance physiologies, as readers, and had familiar talks on the subjects therein."

(7.) "In hygiene the children show great interest, and their examinations indicate a clear understanding of the subjects studied. I have performed several of the experiments indicated in the text book, showing the properties and effects of alcohol."

(8.) "The Child's Health Primer has awakened an interest in the study of the human body and the laws of health."

(9.) "I have been able to get even my youngest children interested in temperance and hygiene, and can see good results even now."

Geography. (1.) "In geography we have considered South America and Europe. We take up each continent by topics. The class has a topical outline given to it, and the pupil is referred to the text book for information regarding each topic. At first it is necessary for me to go over the lesson with the class, but they soon learn to consult their text books for themselves. Of course surface, rivers, and other physical features are found by consulting maps. I have found that productions, such as wheat, coal, etc., are better impressed on the mind if we regard each as occurring in belts; and the pupil is sometimes asked to draw an outline map of a continent, and represent upon it the wheat belt, the coal fields, etc."

The foregoing extracts have been given with considerable fullness, because they present an accurate view of the work now being done in our schools. They show that our teachers are striving to follow rational methods of instruction, and in many respects indicate a distinct advance beyond the routine work of the past. Such an advance it is gratifying to note.

NEW SCHOOL HOUSE.

Last year, in obedience to the instructions of the town at a previous meeting, the Committee reported estimates for certain alterations in the John street and Union Hall buildings, to better accommodate the centre primary schools. The need of better rooms for these schools has for several years been urgently presented by the Committee.

The action of the town at its last meeting, however, was confined to appropriating the sum of \$250 for the purpose of leasing temporary quarters for the Lower primary, the tone of the discussion seeming favorable to further action upon the main question at the end of the present year.

It was thought that a building near the centre of the town might in the mean time be leased for the sum appropriated. The Committee have been unable to secure such a building, and the old school room, entirely inadequate and sanitarily deficient as it is, has been occupied up to the present time. The Committee during the present year have discussed the subject, and have considered the remodeling of the Union Hall building, with the erection of wings upon each side to contain entries and stairways, and have also secured estimates for the erection of a new four-room building properly arranged with adequate clothes-rooms, etc.

The remodeling of Union Hall is estimated to cost from \$3,000 to \$3,500. The new building can be built for a sum not exceeding \$7,000. The Committee have carefully considered both propositions, and unanimously recommend the town to erect a new building. The matter will come before the annual meeting under an appropriate article.

COMMITTEE VACANCIES.

Two vacancies in the Committee are to be filled at the ensuing town meeting. The terms of Messrs. Stillman E. Parker and Edward F. Parker expire.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The Committee recommend that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,300 for regular school expenses, and they also recommend that \$1,400 be raised and appropriated for incidental school expenses, including the purchase of text books and supplies.

Attention is called to the statistics, and to the report of receipts and expenditures contained in the Appendix.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE G. WADLIN,	} <i>School Committee of Reading.</i>
CARROLL D. WRIGHT,	
EDWARD F. PARKER,	
STILLMAN E. PARKER,	
JAMES A. BANCROFT,	
GILMAN L. PARKER,	

ADOPTED IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

March 22, 1886.

Table Showing Salaries, Attendance, and Number of Visitors.

NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	No. of Visitors.	TEACHERS NOW EMPLOYED.	SALARIES NOW PAID.	Average Membership.				Average Attendance.			Pupils during year over 15 years.	Pupils during year under 15 years.
				1st Term.	2d Term.	3d Term.		1st Term.	2d Term.	3d Term.		
High School.....	63	{ E. P. Fitts, Principal..... Miss Mary L. Stinchfield, 1st Assistant..... Miss Cora F. Adams, 2d Assistant.....	\$1,200 00 per year, 15 00 per week.	83	101	99		80	97	87	64	.....
First Grammar.....	85	Miss Jennie R. Barrus.....	9 00 "	44	52	53		41	49	45	.....	.....
Second Grammar.....	82	Miss Alice M. Barrows.....	13 00 "	33	37	38		32	35	34	.....	.....
Third Grammar.....	61	Miss Ella F. Wakenfield.....	12 00 "	35	31	33		33	25	29	.....	.....
Union St. Upper Medium.....	67	Mrs. Alice W. Emerson.....	10 00 "	29	25	26		27	22	23	.....	.....
Union St. Lower Medium.....	75	Miss Annie C. Lawrence.....	10 00 "	24	33	33		21	31	29	.....	.....
Union St. Upper Primary.....	82	Miss Mary W. Howard.....	8 00 "	46	50	46		43	45	34	.....	.....
Union St. Lower Primary.....	144	Miss Ruth L. Pratt.....	10 00 "	56	48	48		43	40	30	.....	.....
Chestnut Hill Grammar.....	28	Miss Sarah M. Pearson.....	8 00 "	21	20	20		18	19	15	.....	.....
Chestnut Hill Primary.....	36	Miss Annie P. Reid.....	7 00 "	42	36	36		34	31	31	.....	1
Woburn St. Grammar.....	55	Miss Hattie C. Emerson.....	12 00 "	37	38	38		35	28	22	.....	.....
Woburn St. Primary.....	40	Miss Carrie L. Mason.....	8 00 "	31	31	29		29	27	23	.....	1
Lowell St. Mixed.....	47	Miss Kate L. Beard.....	9 00 "	37	31	33		34	29	25	.....	2
Main St. Mixed.....	23	Miss M. Fannie Wilson.....	6 00 "	8	6	7		7	6	5	.....	.....
Haverhill St. Mixed.....	46	Miss Hattie F. Damon.....	6 00 "	19	20	19		17	18	16	.....	.....
	934			545	560	558		494	506	448	76	3

APPENDIX.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Population of Reading.....	3,539
Number of children between 5 and 15 years of age, May, '85	557
Number of children between 8 and 14 years of age, May, '85	357
Amount appropriated for instruction, fuel, and care of rooms.....	\$8,100 00
Amount appropriated for incidentals.....	1,400 00
Amount drawn from State School Fund.....	269 13
Amount received from other sources.....	65 01
Total receipts.....	<u>\$9,834 14</u>
Expended for instruction, fuel, and care of rooms.....	\$8,378 44
for free text books.....	1,015 26
for incidentals.....	440 44
Total expenditures.....	<u>\$9,834 14</u>

PUPILS.

Number of different pupils enrolled during the year.....	659
Average membership of all the schools.....	554
Average attendance in all the schools during year.....	483
Percentage of attendance based upon the average member- ship.....	87
Number attending within the year between 8 and 14 years of age (compulsory school age).....	374
Number of pupils admitted to the High School.....	48
Age of youngest pupil admitted, 12 years 1 month.	
Age of oldest pupil admitted, 16 years 11 months.	
Average age of pupils admitted, 14 years 4 months.	

TEACHERS.

Number of male teachers employed.....	1
Number of female teachers employed.....	16
Average wages, per month, of female teachers.....	\$38 25
Number of teachers who have attended normal schools.....	9
Number of teachers who have graduated from normal schools.....	9

NAMES OF PUPILS GRADUATED FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL,
JUNE, 1885.

FOUR YEARS' COURSE.

Harriette L. Gray,	Margaret G. Nowell,
Edith J. Holden,	Marian H. Judd,
Carrie E. Blood,	A. Olive Pearson.

THREE YEARS' COURSE.

May E. I. Crowell,	Hattie E. Richardson,
Helen P. Gilman,	Bertha M. Totten,
Corinne L. James,	Carrie E. Todd,
Annie L. Kingman,	Essie M. Wiley,
Annette S. Krook,	Lawrence G. Duley,
Lillia F. Kidder,	Harry W. Elliott,
Gertrude G. Ruggles,	Wentworth B. Ricker.
Alice K. Ruggles.	

 ROLL OF HONOR.

Giving names of those who have been neither absent nor tardy since March, 1885. and the schools to which they belong.

HIGH SCHOOL.

||Nathaniel G. Hill,	*C. Clyde Wakefield,
*M. Grace Wakefield,	†Mary E. Vermill,
Lottie L. Parker,	Alice H. Peabody,
Annie M. Vermill,	Kirke Sanborn.

FIRST GRAMMAR.

Bertha Stott,

*Grace Sweetser.

SECOND GRAMMAR.

†Wilfred A. Bancroft,

Bessie M. Briggs.

UPPER MEDIUM.

Susie C. Berry,

Emma E. Totten.

Herbert L. Hill.

*Neither absent nor tardy for two years.

†Neither absent nor tardy for three years.

‡Neither absent nor tardy for six years.

EXPENSES OF SCHOOLS.

INSTRUCTION.

Paid for teaching High School.....	\$2,076 00	
First Grammar.....	481 00	
Second Grammar.....	456 00	
Third Grammar.....	380 00	
Upper Medium.....	376 00	
Lower Medium.....	370 00	
Upper Primary.....	304 00	
Lower Primary.....	380 00	
Chestnut Hill Grammar.....	304 00	
Chestnut Hill Primary.....	260 40	
Woburn Street Grammar....	456 00	
Woburn Street Primary.....	304 00	
Lowell Street Mixed.....	380 00	
Main Street Mixed.....	228 00	
Haverhill Street Mixed.....	228 00	
Music Teacher.....	378 94	
	<hr/>	\$7,362 34

JANITORS.

Paid for care of Centre School buildings.....	\$273 00	
Woburn Street School buildings	75 00	
Chestnut Hill School buildings.....	57 00	
Lowell Street School buildings.....	36 00	
Main Street School buildings.....	28 50	
Haverhill Street School buildings ...	38 00	
	<hr/>	\$507 50

FUEL.

Paid Wendell Bancroft, for coal.....	\$281 87	
John C. Gleason, for coal.....	60 00	
Justin L. Parker, for wood.....	11 50	
Stillman E. Parker, for wood.....	75 00	
Edward F. Parker, for wood.....	46 67	
H. W. Blanchard, labor on wood.....	23 00	
C. H. Ballard, labor on wood.....	3 00	
C. F. Bessom, labor on wood.....	3 56	
C. L. McIntire, labor on wood	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$508 60
Total amount expended.....		<hr/> \$8,378 44

Receipts :—

Appropriation	\$8,100 00	
For tuition of non-residents.....	12 00	
Drawn from Massachusetts School Fund	266 44	
	<hr/>	\$8,378 44

INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

FOR BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Paid George S. Perry.....	\$25 68	
Geo. F. King & Merrill.....	25 07	
Harrison Hume.....	141 11	
Knight, Adams & Co.....	2 73	
Wm. Ware & Co.....	113 45	
Cowperthwait & Co.....	103 77	
J. L. Hammett	78 93	
Carroll W. Clark.....	51 30	
Thompson, Brown & Co.....	16 62	
A. C. Stockin.....	2 25	
Ginn & Co.....	83 32	
John C. Haynes.....	50	
Chas. H. Whiting.....	175 01	
	<hr/>	\$819 74
Amount carried forward,		

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$819 74
Paid Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co.....	10 72
F. M. Ambrose.....	82 50
Clark & Maynard.....	44 92
Geo. Frost & Co.....	10 00
A. G. Whitcomb.....	44 80
Bennie Boyce.....	2 00
W. B. McKay.....	58
	<hr/>
	\$1015 26

FOR SUNDRIES.

Paid W. H. Twombly & Son, printing.....	\$4 00
F. J. Bancroft, repairing piano.....	3 50
G. S. Tukey, repairing pumps.....	1 50
Geo. W. Hurd, repairs.....	1 83
Cummings' Express.....	2 10
Lang's Express.....	12 80
J. C. Cook, painting schoolhouses.....	101 50
S. M. Hall, mason work.....	20 00
Copeland & Bowser, ribbon for diplomas.....	1 28
Wendell Bancroft, stock and labor.....	28 77
E. Damon, cleaning vaults.....	1 00
B. Foley, plastering.....	2 50
Highland Foundry Co., for grate.....	4 20
G. W. Batchelder, cleaning vaults.....	50
Parker & Stone, supplies.....	23 48
W. J. Wightman, insurance.....	60 00
C. L. McIntire, glazing.....	1 35
M. E. Nichols, glazing.....	4 70
Harris Austin, clock repairing.....	1 00
Robt. J. Hill, book-binding.....	2 55
Bowker's Express.....	1 00
G. O. Batchelder, rent of school lot.....	5 00
E. P. Fitts, cash expended for chemicals.....	1 29
N. W. Broad, stock and labor.....	37 67
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Amount carried forward, \$323 52

Amount brought forward, \$323 52

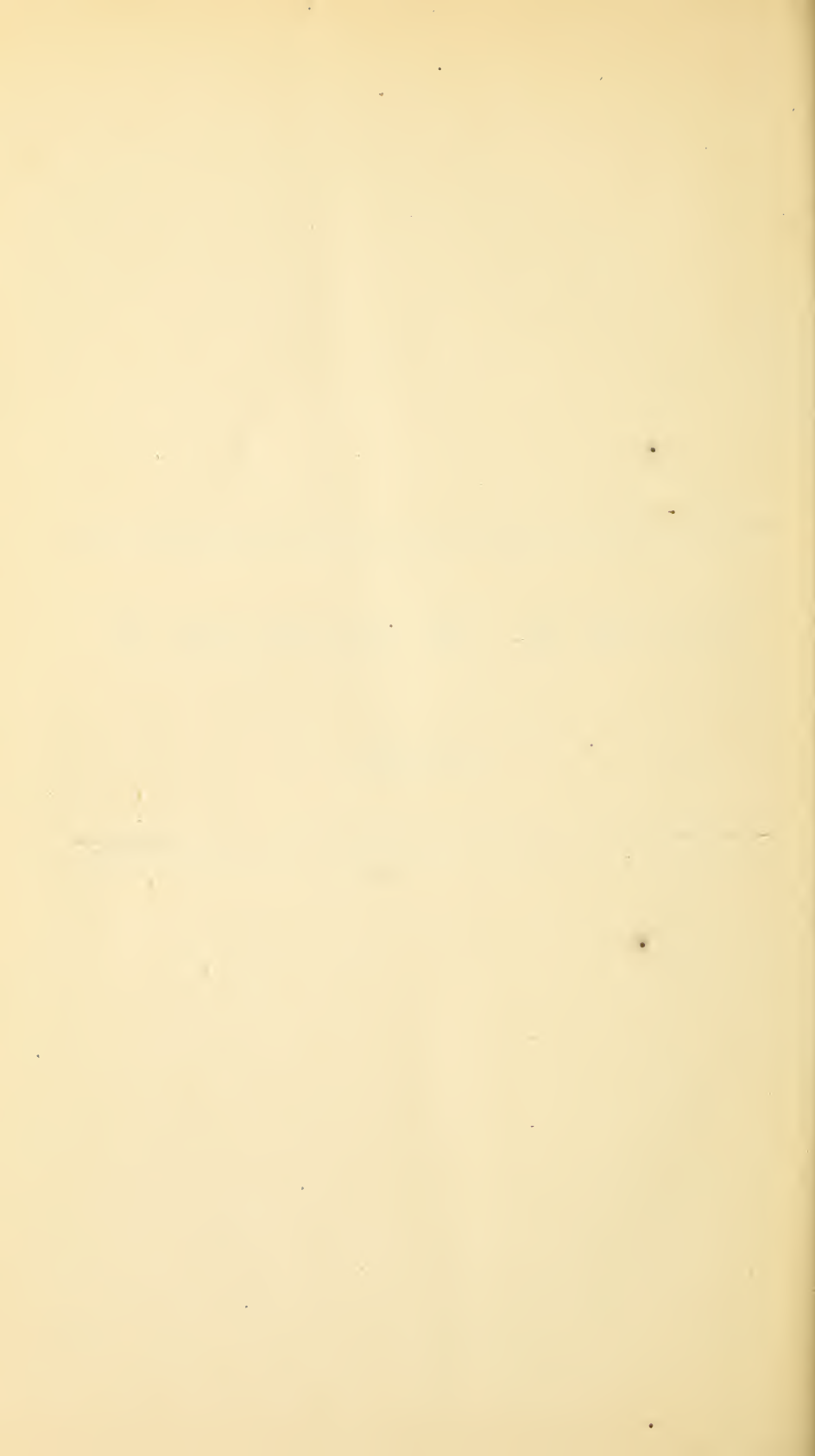
Paid M. Hanley, chair.....	50	
W. M. Titus, supplies and repairs.....	10 78	
R. L. Beers, curtains and repairs.....	1 25	
E. F. Parker, expenses and materials.....	4 94	
A. & E. Burton & Co., feather duster.....	2 00	
T. Littlefield, repairs and materials.....	26 25	
Smith & Anthony Stove Co., repairs.....	14 25	
C. M. Barrows & Co., printing.....	5 50	
J. H. Bancroft, labor.....	25	
C. F. Bessom, labor.....	1 20	
Edwd. F. Parker, agent for purchase and distribution of books.....	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$440 44
Total incidental expenses.....		\$1,455 70

Receipts :

Appropriation	\$1,400 00	
From W. J. Wightman, return premium on insurance.....	24 00	
From books and supplies sold.....	29 01	
From School Fund.....	2 69	
	<hr/>	\$1,455 70
Books and supplies in hands of agent, March 1, 1886.....		\$127 29

TOWN WARRANT.

1886.



TOWN WARRANT.

MIDDLESEX, SS.

TO EITHER OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF READING.

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in Lyceum Hall, in said Reading, on Monday, the fifth day of April, A. D. 1886, at seven o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz.:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Collectors, School Committee, Engineers of the Fire Department, Trustees of the Public Library, Trustees of the Cemetery, and Auditors.

ART. 3. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Section 74 to 77 inclusive of Chapter 27 of the Public Statutes, and choose one Road Commissioner for one year, one for two years, and one for three years.

ART. 4. To see if the Town will bring in their votes on one ballot for Town Clerk, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Collector, Constables, Highway Surveyor; also two members of the School Committee for three years. Also, to see if the Town will vote upon a separate ballot, in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town," both ballots to be received at the same time and in the same box.

ART. 5. To choose a Town Clerk, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Collector, two members of the School Committee for three years, Surveyor of Highways, two Trustees of the Public Library for three years, and all other necessary town officers.

ART. 6. Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars for the purpose of laying concrete sidewalks and edgestones the ensuing year, provided the abutters pay one-half the expense of laying the same, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will employ a Night Watch the ensuing year, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 9. To see if the Town will authorize the erection of a new building in accordance with the recommendation of the School Committee, for the purpose of providing better accommodations for the Union Street Schools, and how much money they will raise and appropriate therefor, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 10. To determine how much money the Town will raise for schools, incidental school expenses, repairs of highways and bridges, removing snow and ice, fire department, support of the poor, street lights, salaries of town officers, military aid, printing, abatement of taxes, town office, maintenance of the police, cemetery, public library, soldiers' graves, interest on the town debt, reduction of the town debt, deficiencies, and miscellaneous expenses.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer, under direction of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 12. To see what instructions the Town will give their Assessors and Collector.

ART. 13. To determine the compensation of the Collector.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate sufficient money to build a concrete sidewalk on Haven Street, from the depot to Main Street.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars to widen Main Street from George L. Putnam's line to Summer Avenue, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will cause flag-stones or a concrete crossing, to be laid from the corner of High and Woburn Streets, across High Street to the railroad, and how much money they will raise and appropriate therefor, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 17. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate to keep the Old South clock running the ensuing year.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will erect and maintain five new street lights on Main Street, between Summer Avenue and the first street light north on Main Street, one at or near the corner of Pleasant and Middle Streets, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 19. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the enforcement of the liquor law, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will cause flag-stones or a concrete walk laid across High Street, from the corner of Haven and Chute Streets, to the Boston and Maine depot, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 21. To hear and act on the report of Solon Bancroft, Esq., upon the subject referred to him at the last annual meeting, viz.: the care and maintenance of the cemetery, and the care and use of the moneys deposited with the town, by bequest or otherwise, for the care of private lots in the cemetery.

ART. 22. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate to erect and maintain guide boards and street signs, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 23. To see if the Town will accept the report of the Selectmen, on laying out a town way from High Street to the Boston and Maine railroad; also a town way from High Street to Colby Street, so called.

ART. 24. To hear and act upon a list of Jurors, prepared by the Selectmen.

ART. 25. To hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen, in relation to guide posts

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands, this twenty-fourth day of March, A. D. 1886.

R. DEXTER TEMPLE,	} <i>Selectmen</i> <i>of</i> <i>Reading.</i>
JAMES A. BANCROFT,	
STILLMAN M. PRATT,	

A true copy—Attest :

HENRY STOCK, *Constable.*

LIST OF JURORS.

The subscribers, Selectmen of the town of Reading, have prepared the following list of persons who, in their judgment, are qualified to serve as jurors, and respectfully submit the same for the action of the Town.

Allen, Charles H.	Moulton, Wilder C.
Batchelder, Edward S.	Moulton, William E.
Brown, Henry M.	Nichols, J. Brooks
Blood, Edwin W.	Nichols, William H.
Buxton, Albert W.	Norris, James T.
Cook, Walter F.	Parker, Gilman L.
Coney, Walter E.	Pratt, Harland P.
Cummings, Horace L.	Pratt, Stillman M.
Damon, Henry	Prentiss, Walter S.
Damon, George H.	Putnam, George L.
Davis, W. Wallace	Rayner, Walter
Dewey, Frank H.	Richardson, Arthur S.
Eames, Charles B.	Roberts, John G.
Eames, Edward B.	Ruggles, William I.
Foster, Arthur J.	Runnels, Joseph F.
Gilson, F. Howard	Sawyer, Addison A.
Gleason, Rodney H.	Smith, Benjamin Y.
Gowing, E. Harley	Stone, J. Henry
Howes, A. Newell	Sweetser, Kirk
Jones, Oren N.	Temple, Arthur W.
Johnson, Alden S.	Temple, David C.
Kelley, Charles W.	Wakefield, Charles
Krook, Lambertus W.	Whittier, Aristides
Lewis, Frank	Wight, Ephraim
Manning, Charles	Young, Samuel C.
Manning, Warren H.	

R. DEXTER TEMPLE, JAMES A. BANCROFT, STILLMAN M. PRATT,	} Selectmen of Reading.
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Reading, March 23, 1886.

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